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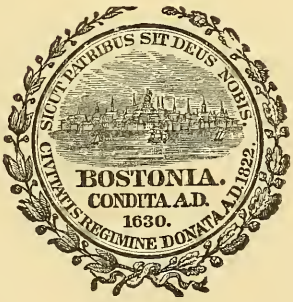

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OF THE

RECORD COMMISSIONERS.

In the Nineteenth Report of the Record Commissioners the series of records kept by the Selectmen is resumed from the point where it was left by the Seventeenth Report.

The ten years here recorded, 1754–1763 inclusive, were not marked by any very important local events, except perhaps the burning of Faneuil Hall. It was, however, the period of the French Wars, and Boston increased very much in importance as a seaport. Hence much of the work of the selectmen was given to matters of quarantine and of the care of soldiers and other strangers.

The careful observer will find many interesting items, however, in this volume, and there are the usual grants and orders which affect real estate even to the present time.

William H. Whitmore,
For the Record Commissioners.

City Hall, Boston, Dec. 31, 1887.

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SELECTMEN'S MINUTES.

BOOK TENTH.

[2.] At a Meeting of the Select men January 28. 1754

Present

Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, & four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
of penny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	0½
Household	1 -	1 -	6
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
Household	2 -	2 -	12
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
Household	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
Household	13 -	0 -	8

[3.] At a Meeting of the Honble. His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, the Gentlemen the Select men and Overseers of the Poor within the Town of Boston on Monday the 11th. day of February A.D. 1754

Present

The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
The Hon. Samuel Welles Esqr.
Joshua Winslow Esqr.
Jacob Royall Esqr.
John Fayerweather Esqr.

Justices of the Peace

John Steel Esqr.
Mr. Samuel Grant
Mr. Thomas Hill

Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Joseph Jackson
M^{r}. Thomas Cushing
Capt Samuel Hewes
Select men

[4.] Daniel Henchman Esqr.
John Phillips Esqr.
John Hill Esqr.
M^{r}. Isaac Walker
M^{r}. Joseph Sherburne
Capt. Ebenezer Storer
M^{r}. John Tudor
Overseers of the Poor

A General Walk or Visitation of the Town was then agreed upon to be attended on Wednesday the thirteenth day of February ins^{t}. at nine o'Clock in the morning if the Weather be fair, if not, then on Friday following, being the fifteenth instant, and it is also agreed to meet at Faneuil Hall at five o'Clock in the Evening to report the State of the Town &c.

The Order or Sortment as follows, vizt.

Ward, Number one
John Steel Esqr.
[5.] Foster Hutchinson Esqr.
Capt. Ebenezer Storer
M^{r}. John Kneeland
Capt. Nathl. Greenwood
M^{r}. John Ruddock
M^{r}. John Breck
John Wendell, Constable
Ward, Number Two
John Fayerweather Esqr.
M^{r}. Samuel Grant
M^{r}. John Barrett
Capt Jon^{a}. Snelling
Capt. Alex^{r}. Sears
Capt. Benj^{a}. Hamett
Capt. Nathl. Barber
Samuel Haley, Constable
Ward, Number Three
Abiel Walley Esqr.
M^{r}. John Tudor
M^{r}. David Jenkins
[6.] M^{r}. Thomas Greenough
Capt. John Goldthwait
M^{r}. Robert Breck
Saml. Ridgway jun^{r}., Constable
Ward, Number Four
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
William Tyler Esqr.
M^{r}. Isaac Walker
M^{r}. John Scollay
M^{r}. Samuel Edwards

Mr. William Larrabee
Mr. David Jeffries
Mr. James Pitts
John Bridge Constable
Ward, Number Five
Daniel Henchman Esqr.
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
Mr. James Bowdoin
Capt. James Scutt
Capt. Thomas Savage
[7.] Capt. Thomas Savage (*sic*)
Capt. John Carnes
Mr. Henry Newman
Robert Williams, Constable
Ward, Number Six
John Phillips Esqr.
Mr. Joseph Greene
Mr. William Fairfield
Mr. Benjamin Dolbeare
Mr. Samuel Phillips Savage
Abraham Rogers, Constable
Ward, Number Seven
Jacob Royall Esqr.
Mr. Joseph Sherburne
Mr. Peter Chardon
Mr. John Welch
Mr. John Simpson
Capt. Hugh Mc.Daniel
Edward Lad Saunders, Constc.
[8.] Ward, Number Eight
Joshua Winslow Esqr.
Mr. Edward Bromfield
Capt. Joseph Jackson
Mr. Jacob Parker
Mr. James Bontineau
Mr. Jonathan Payson
Alexr. Leblond, Constable
Ward Number Nine
The Hon. Andrew Oliver Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Capt. Samuel Hewes
Mr. Samuel Deming
Mr. Peter Oliver
Mr. Jona. Williams
Daniel Bass, Constable
Ward, Number Ten
The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esq.
Mr. Middlecott Cooke
Jeremiah Green Esqr.
[9.] Joseph Dowse Esqr.
Mr. Thomas Cushing
Mr. Edward Jackson

Dr. Silvester Gardiner
Samuel Trott, Constable
Ward, Number Eleven
The Hon. Thomas Hubbard Esqr.
The Hon. Richd. Bill Esqr.
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Thomas Oxnard Esqr.
Mr. Thomas Flucker
Mr. John Winslow
Mr. John Lasinby
Sanderson West, Constable
Ward, Number Twelve
The Hon. Samuel Welles Esqr.
John Hill Esqr.
Mr. Thomas Hill
Mr. Thomas Downe junr.
[10.] Mr. Thomas Greene
Mr. William Coffin
Mr. John Rowe
Mr. Samuel Adams
John Patten, Constable

And the Town Clerk is directed to give forth Copies of the said Order or Sortment accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Febry 20th. 1754.

Present

Mr. Grant
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing

Thomas Hancock Esqr. desires liberty to set a number of Lime trees on the edge of the Bank before his land in the Common, & towards the Alms-house & Workhouse to beautify the Common.

Voted, that liberty be granted accordingly.

[11.] At a Meeting of the Select men, March 4, 1754.

Present

John Steel Esqr.
Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Capt. Hewes

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston, In His Majesty's Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and rateable at twenty pounds Estate to a single rate (besides the poll) to convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the Eleventh day of march current at nine o Clock in the forenoon then and there to nominate and choose meet persons to serve the Town [12.] the Year ensuing as Select men, Town

Clerk, Overseers of the Poor, Firewards, Constables, and other necessary Officers as the Law directs, to Grant such Sums of money as may be judged needful for the relief of the poor, and defreying other necessary Charges, to receive the reports of the Town's Committees on several Affairs, to act upon the List of Jurors, to appoint a Committee to visit the Schools, to choose Auditors of the Accompts of the Town Treasurer and Overseers of the poor, to determine what Premium shall be allowed the Collectors of Taxes, and what time the Assessors may sit to make Abatements thereof, to receive and examine the Accompts of the Granary, to consider what salary shall be given to the Masters, and Ushers of the public Schools. To consider of the Petition of Thos. Hubbard Esqr. that he may have a further time in the Cellar he built under the [13.] Granary, in the common than is allowed him by his Lease, the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants for widening part of Ann-street and of several others for paving Beacon Street and Moon Court, and of others for reconsidering the Vote. pass'd in March last relating to the Overseers annually exhibiting a List of the Names of all such persons as have received any part of the Town's Money or any support from them. to appoint a Committee to enquire what fines have been paid into the Town Treasury for several Years past & act thereupon as may be judged proper. to choose Jurors for April Court. and also to act upon all such other matters and things as stand referr'd over to said Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Select men March 6. 1754 ——

Present

John Steel Esq.
Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Mr. Cushing
Capt. Hewes

[14.] Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	0½
Household	1 -	1 -	6
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
Household	2 -	2 -	12
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
Household	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
Household	13 -	0 -	8

At a Meeting of the Select men March 25th 1754.

Present.

Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Capt. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

[15.] Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread as the same is now stated for direction to the Bakers and Clerks of the Market be as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr
of penny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	0½
Household	1 -	1 -	6
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	10 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
Household	2 -	2 -	12
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
Household	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve penny wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
Household	13 -	0 -	8

Computed at five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains & Livelihood, and the several Bakers within this Town are ordered to mark their Bread which they bake for Sale with the first letter of their Christian Names & with the first & last Letters of their Sir names.

[16.] At a Meeting of the Select men, April 29, 1754.

Present

Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Capt. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings & four pence p. Bushell for wheat, & four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their charges pains & Livelihood, which is Computed as follows, vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
of penny White Loaf		9 -	15½
Wheaten		14 -	14½
Household	1 -	3 -	13
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	3 -	13
wheaten	1 -	13 -	12½
Six penny Household	2 -	7 -	10½
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5 -	9 -	4
Household	7 -	6 -	15½
Twelve penny wheaten Loaf	11 -	2 -	8
Household	14 -	13 -	15

[17.] At a Meeting of the Select men, May 6th. 1754 —

Present
Mr. Grant
Capt. Jackson
Capt. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings and eight pence p Bushell for Wheat. & four pence p Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		9 -	4
Wheaten	-	13 -	4.
Household	1 -	2 -	8.
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	2 -	8.
Wheaten	1 -	11 -	12.
Household	2 -	5 -	—
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5 -	3 -	4.
Household	6 -	15 -	—
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	10 —	6 —	8
Household	13 —	4 —	

[18.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 8th. 1754

Present
Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Capt. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant, directed to the Constables of Boston, In His Majesty's Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, within their precincts, that have an Estate of Forty shillings p. annum of Free hold in Land within this Province or Territory at the least, or other Estate to the value of forty Pounds Sterling to Convene at Faneuil-Hall on Wednesday the fifteenth day of May current at nine o'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to elect and depute one or more persons (being Free holders [19.] and resident in the Town) according to the number set and limited by an Act of the General Assembly to serve for & represent them in a Great and General Court or Assembly appointed to be convened held and kept for His Majesty's Service at the Court-house in Boston upon Wednesday the twenty ninth day of said May, and so de die in diem during their Session and Sessions according to a precept under the hand and Seal of Benjamin Pollard Esq. Sheriff of the County of Suffolk bearing date the twenty fifth day of April, in the twenty seventh Year of His Majesty's Reign Annoque Domini 1754

And alike requiring them to warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as the Law directs to meet at

the same time and place to consider of the Petition of James Allen Esqr. and M^{r}. Andrew Oliver jun^{r}. that a Road may be laid out at the bottom of the Common [20.] adjoining to their lands. of Samuel Holbrook writing Master of the School in Queen-Street for an addition to his Salary, and that he may supply children with Ink. of Thomas Pearson that an allowance may be made him for his Father's house blown up by order of the Town to stop the Fire that broke out in 1690, of Gilbert and Lewis Deblois that part of Queen-Street may be widened, or a Lease granted them of the Town's Shops there, on such terms as may be thought reasonable. of several Inhabitants that a Burial place may be provided at the South part of the Town; of several others that application be made to the General Court to prevent a Bill relating to the Company of Cadets being pass'd into a Law; of others that some method may be taken to prevent the frequent firing of Chimmies, and that suitable Encouragement may be given for sweeping 'em. Also to Consider what method can be taken by the Inhabitants that they may be releiv'd [21.] as to their paying so large a proportion of public Taxes, to Grant such sums of money as may be thought needful for the relief of the poor and defreying other necessary Charges, to determine what Salaries shall be granted to the School-masters and Ushers to receive the Reports of Committees on several Affairs, to choose such Officers as are wanting, and to act upon such matters and Things as stand referr'd over to said Meeting.

NB. The poll for the choice of Representatives will be closed at twelve o'clock and a strict scrutiny made as to the qualification of Voters.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 29th 1754.

Present

(Omission)

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings & [22.] Eight pence p. Bushell for Wheat, & four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
of penny White Loaf		9	4
Wheaten		13	4
Household	1	2	8
Two penny white Loaf	1	2	8
Wheaten	1	11	12
Household	2	5	
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5	3	4
Household	6	15	
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	10	6	8
Household	13	4	

At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 5th., 1754.

Present

M^{r}. Grant

M^{r}. Hill

Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
M^{r}. Cushing
M^{r}. Scollay

M^{r}. Thomas Williston is appointed to attend the [23.] Select men in the room of M^{r}. John Savel who by reason of Age and Infirmities cannot attend that business, to commence the first instant and to have the same allowance M^{r}. Savel had.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 24th. 1754 —

Present
M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
M^{r}. Scollay

Voted that M^{r}. Thomas Williston have the care and Oversight of all the Watches in the Town and report the behaviour of the Watchmen from time to time to the Select men.

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings and eight pence p. Bushell for Wheat and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers [24.] for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny white Loaf		9	4
Wheaten		13	4
Household	1	2	8
Two penny white Loaf	1	2	8
wheaten	1	11	12
Household	2	5	
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5	3	4
Household	6	15	
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	10	6	8
Household	13	4	

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 26, 1754.

Present
M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Capt. Jackson
M^{r}. Cushing
Capt. Hewes

Voted, that the Select men visit the public [25.] Schools in this Town on Friday the fifth day of July next, and that the following Gent^{n}. be desired to accompany them therein vizt.

The Hon. Josiah Willard Esqr.
The Hon. Richard Bill Esqr.
The Hon. John Wheelwright Esqr.
The Hon. Joseph Pyncheon Esqr.
The Hon. Stephen Sewall Esqr.
The Hon. John Erving Esqr.

The Gent^{n}. the Representatives of Boston.
The Rev^{d}. Joseph Sewall D. D.
The Rev^{d}. Charles Chauncy D. D.
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Thomas Prince
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}.Ebenezer Pemberton
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Samuel Mather
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Andrew Eliot
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Samuel Cooper
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Samuel Checkley jun^{r}.
Charles Apthorp Esqr.
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
Joshua Winslow Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
M^{r}. David Jeffries

[26.] M^{r}. Williston is directed to acquaint the several Gentlemen thereof accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Select men July 10th. 1754 ——

Present

M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
M^{r}. Cushing
M^{r}. Scollay

The Select men on Friday last visited the public Schools according to their vote of the 26th. of June last accompanied by the following Gentlemen, vizt.

The Hon. Josiah Willard Esqr.
The Hon. Richard Bill Esqr.
The Hon. Joseph Pyncheon Esqr.
The Hon. John Erving Esqr.
The Gent^{n}. the Representatives of Boston.
The Gent^{n}. the Overseers of the Poor.
[27.] The Rev^{d}. D^{r}. Sewall
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Pemberton
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Mather
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Eliot
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Cooper
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Checkley j^{r}.
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
M^{r}. Treas^{r}. Jeffries

And found that in the South Grammar School there was —— Scholars, in the South writing School —— Scholars, in the Writing School in Queen Street —— Scholars, in the North Grammar School —— Scholars, and in the North writing School —— Scholars. all in very good Order

[28.] At a Meeting of the Select men, July 22d. 1754.

Present
Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Mr. Cushing
Mr. Scollay

Mr. Cushing reported that he had mentioned to the Committee of the old South Church, the desire of the Select men that they may have liberty to erect a small Building on the Land belonging to the Church to put one of the Fire Engines there, to which they gave their consent provided the Select men would remove the same when they should desire it. Whereupon it was Voted that a Building be erected there for the putting an Engine accordingly, and that the same be of the following demensions vizt. twenty four feet in length, eight feet in wedth, and eight feet stud. And on the 24th of July the Select men gave the said Committee a Writing under their hands as follows vizt.

[29.] Boston, July 24. 1754

Whereas the Committee of the old South Church at the desire of us the Subscribers Select men of the Town of Boston have consented that we should erect a small Wooden Building on the Land belonging to said Church to put in one of the Fire Engines of the Town. We hereby oblige ourselves and the Select men for the time being to remove said Building off said Land whenever we shall be requested by said Committee or their Successors to do the same.

Select men of Boston
SAML. GRANT
THOMAS HILL
JOSHUA HENSHAW
THOMAS CUSHING
JOHN SCOLLAY

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 29th. 1754

Present
mr Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Mr. Scollay

[30.] Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings & eight pence p. Bushell for wheat, & four pence p. Bushell is allow'd to the Bakers for their Charges pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
of penny White Loaf		9 -	4
Wheaten		13 -	4
Household	1 -	2 -	8
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	2 -	8
Wheaten	1 -	11 -	12
Household	2 -	5 -	

Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5 -	3 -	4
Household	6 -	15 -	
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	10 -	6 -	8
Household	13 -	4 -	

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majesty's Name requiring them forthwith to warn all the the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single rate (besides the Poll) to convene at [31.] Faneuil-Hall on Wednesday the seventh day of August next at nine o Clock in the forenoon, in order to know their Minds with regard to a Bill now depending in the General Court laying an Excise on the private consumption of Wines and Spirits distilled, to appoint a Writing Master for the School in Queen Street in the room of Mr. Samuel Holbrook who has resigned, to make an allowance to said Holbrook for supplying the Scholars with Ink the last year. To consider what may be necessary to be further done for widening Anne Street to receive the Reports of the Town's Committees on several affairs, And to act upon all such others matters and Things as stand referr'd over to said Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Select men, August 9th. 1754 ——

Present

Mr. Grant
Capt. Jackson
Capt. Hewes
Mr. Hill
Mr. Cushing
Mr. Scollay

[32.] Agreeable to the vote of the Town of the 7th. instant desiring the Select men to supply the place of Mr. Samuel Holbrook as Writing Master at the School in Queen Street. The Select men accordingly this day agreed with Mr. John Procter junr. for that Service to continue there untill next March upon the following Terms vizt. to be paid at the rate of Seventy Pounds lawful money p. annum, to be intitled to one half the Perquisites of the School (the Fire Money excepted) and also to have the improvement of the School out of School-hours.

At a Meeting of the Select men, August 15th. 1754.

Present

Mr. Grant
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Capt. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

Mr. Samuel Holbrook desired liberty to open a private School for the instruction of Children [33.] in Writing and Arithmetick. Voted, that liberty be granted him accordingly.

Voted, that Mr. John Tilestone be appointed Usher at the North writing School where Mr. Zachariah Hicks is Master. Mr. Hicks to be paid for his Service as shall be agreed upon or allowed by the Select men for the curt. Year.

The Select men pass'd upon the List of persons licenced the last year to sell strong drink both as Innholders & Retailers within this Town.

And also pass'd upon the Petitions for Licences for the year ensuing and the following persons only were approv'd and recom mended, vizt.

(Omission)

[34.] At a Meeting of the Select men, August 21st. 1754.

Present

Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Capt Hewes
Mr. Scollay

Voted, that the Sum of Thirty four Pounds p. Annum be allowed to Mr. Zachariah Hicks Master of the North Writing School for his Usher John Tileston to commence the 12th. instt. to be pd. him quarterly.

[35.] At a Meeting of the Select men, August 28th. 1754

Present

Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Capt. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, pains & Livelihood, which is Computed as follows, vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr
of penny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	0½
Household	1 -	1 -	6
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
Household	2 -	2 -	12
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
Household	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
Household	13 -	0 -	8

[36.] At a Meeting of the Select men, Septr. 4th. 1754.

Present
Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Capt. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings and four pence p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows, vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		8 -	2
Wheaten		12 -	4
Household	1 -	0 -	4
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	0 -	4
Wheaten	1 -	8 -	8
Household	2 -	0 -	8
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	5 -	9
Household	6 -	0 -	12
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	11 -	2
Household	12 -	1 -	8

[37.] At a Meeting of the Select men, Septr. 11, 1754.

Present
Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Mr. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Mr. Scollay

The Select men this day Let to Mr. Robert Peirpoint all the lands belonging to the Town on the Easterly side of Orange Street that lies between said Peirpoint's land and the Fortification he paying the Sum of Forty Shillings lawful money p. Annum to hold the same during the pleasure of the Select men for the time being.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the constables of Boston. In His Majesty's Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single rate [38.] (besides the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Tuesday the seventeenth day of September current at nine o'Clock in the forenoon to determine whether the Town will take upon them the defence of a Suit brought against the Assessors by Andrew Oliver Esqr. & William Phillips and also any other Suits that may be brought against them of the like nature, to consider what directions may be thought necessary to be given to the Assessors about making the Taxes of the current Year to choose Jurors for October Court and such officers as may be wanting.

At a Meeting of the Select men Septr. 30th. 1754.

Present

M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
M^{r}. Cushing
Capt. Hewes
M^{r}. Scollay

[**39.**] Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of six shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows, vizt.

	l.	oz-	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		7 -	5
Wheaten		11	
Household		14 -	10
Two penny White Loaf		14 -	10
Wheaten	1 -	6	
Household	1 -	13 -	4
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	1 -	15
Household	5 -	6 -	15
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	3 -	14
Household	10 -	11 -	14

At a Meeting of the Select men, Octr. 16th. 1754.

Present

M^{r}. Grant
Capt. Jackson
Capt. Hewes
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
M^{r}. Cushing
M^{r}. Scollay

[**40.**] M^{r}. Thomas Crafts agreed with the Select men to repair the Town's Shops in Queen-Street near the Orange Tree, for the Sum of Seventeen Pounds six shillings and eight pence lawful money in the following manner vizt. to cut off three feet of the whole front, to cut off about sixteen feet at the west, and to new frame and make the front and West end, so as to make three Shops, two of twelve feet wide in the front each, the other Shop to be of the wedth of the remainder of the Town's land, to shingle the whole Roof, and do all the Carpenter's work that is necessary to be done, in order that said Shops may be tenantable. The Town to pay for the Stuff Nails and Iron work.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Octr. 28, 1754.

Present

M^{r}. Hill
M^{r}. Cushing
Capt. Jackson
Capt. Hewes
M^{r}. Scollay

[41.] Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings and eight pence p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz-	dr.
of penny White Loaf		7 -	10
Wheaten		11 -	9
Household		15 -	7
Two penny White Loaf		15 -	7
Wheaten	1 -	7 -	3
Household	1 -	14 -	14
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	5 -	8
Household	5 -	12 -	11
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	11	
Household	11 -	9 -	6

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 25th 1754.

Present

M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
M^{r}. Cushing
Capt. Hewes
M^{r}. Scollay

[42.] Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings and four pence p. Bushell for Wheat, & four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		8 -	2
Wheaten		12 -	4
Household	1 -	0 -	4
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	0 -	4
Wheaten	1 -	8 -	8
Household	2 -	0 -	8
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	5 -	9
Household	6 -	0 -	12
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	11 -	2
Household	12 -	1 -	8

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decem^{r}. 30, 1754——

Present

M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Capt. Jackson
M^{r}. Cushing
Capt. Hewes
M^{r}. Scollay

[43.] Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, & four pence p.

Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for Charges pains & Livelihood, which is Computed as follows, vizt.

	l.	oz.-	dr.
of penny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	0½
Household	1 -	1 -	6
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
Household	2 -	2 -	12
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
Household	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
Household	13 -	0 -	8

A Petition of a great number of the Inhabitants praying the Town may be Assembled to consider what is proper to be done in relation to an Act lately pass'd the General Court laying an Excise upon the Consumption of Wines Spiritous Liquors &c. in private Families. Read. and thereupon [**44.**] Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majesty's Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and rateable at Twenty pounds Estate to a single rate (beside the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Friday the third day of January next, at nine oClock in the forenoon, to consider and determine what may be proper for the Town to do in relation to an Act lately pass'd the General Court, entitled "An Act for Granting unto His Majesty an Excise upon Spirits, distilled and Wines, and upon Limes Lemmons & Oranges." And also act upon all such Matters & Things as stand referr'd over to said Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Select men, January 8th. 1755

Present

M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
M^{r}r Cushing
Capt. Hewes
M^{r}. Scollay

[**45.**] Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings and four pence p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows, vizt.

	l.	oz-	dr.
of penny White Loaf		8 -	2
Wheaten		12 -	4
Household	1 -	0 -	4
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	0 -	4
Wheaten	1 -	8 -	8
Household	2 -	0 -	8

Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 - 5 - 9
Household	6 - 0 - 12
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	8 - 11 - 2
Household	12 - 1 - 8

At a Meeting of the Select men, Janry. 13, 1755.

Present

Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Mr. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

[46.] The Select men having received a precept from the Honoble. Thomas Hubbard Esq. Speaker of the House of Representative dated the 9th instant for choosing a Representative in the room of the late Honoble. James Allen Esqr. deced. for the remaining part of the present Year. Therefore Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston. In His Majesty's Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston (within their Precincts) that have an Estate of forty shillings p. annum of Free hold in Land within this Province or Territory at the least, or other Estate to the value of Forty Pounds Sterling to convene at Fanueil-Hall upon Friday the seventeenth current at ten o'Clock in the forenoon, then and there (if they see cause) to elect and depute a Person (being a Freeholder and resident in the same Town) to serve for and represent them in the Great and General Court or Assembly [47.] at their Sessions at the Town house in Boston the fifth day of February next, and so for the remaining part of the present Year in the room of the Honoble. James Allen Esqr. decd. according to a precept under the hand & Seal of the Honoble. Thomas Hubbard Esq. Speaker of the House of Representatives bearing date the ninth day of January in twenty eighth Year of His Majesty's Reign annoq. Domini 1755. And alike requiring them to Warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as the Law directs to meet at the same time and place to determine what Instructions the Town will give their Representatives, respecting a General plan for uniting the several Governments on the Continent, now under the Consideration of the General Court, to choose Jurors for February Court, and act upon all such matters & things as stand referr'd over to sd. Meeting.

[48.] At a Meeting of the Select men, January 27th. 1755.

Present

Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing

Capt. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings & four pence p. Bushell for Wheat, & four pence p. Bushell is allow'd to the Bakers for their charges pains, & Livelihood, which is computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz-	dr.
of penny White Loaf		8 -	2
Wheaten		12 -	4
Household	1 -	0 -	4
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	0 -	4
Wheaten	1 -	8 -	8
Household	2 -	0 -	8
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	5 -	9
Household	6 -	0 -	12
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	11 -	2
Household	12 -	1 -	8

[49.] At a Meeting of the Honble. His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, the Gentlemen the Selectmen, and Overseers of the Poor, within the Town of Boston on Tuesday the 11th. day of February A.D. 1755.

Present
The Honble. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
Dan. Henchman Esqr.
John Hill Esqr.
John Phillips Esq.

Justices of the Peace
Mr. Samuel Grant
Mr. Thomas Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Joseph Jackson
Mr. Thomas Cushing
Mr. John Scollay

Selectmen
Mr. Isaac Walker
Mr. John Barrett
Mr. John Tudor

Overseers of the Poor

[50.] A general Walk or Visitation of the Town was then agreed upon to be attended on Friday the fourteenth day of February instant at nine o'Clock in the morning, if the Weather be fair if not then on Tuesday following being the 18th. instant. And it is also agreed to meet at Faneuil Hall at five o'Clock in the Afternoon to report the State of the Town &c.

The Order or Sortment as follows, vizt.

Ward, Number One
Foster Hutchinson Esqr.
Mr. Ebenezer Storer
Mr. John Kneeland
Capt. Nathl. Greenwood
Mr. John Ruddock
Mr. Robert Breck
Mr. Roger Stayner Constable

Ward Number Two
John Steel Esqr.
M^{r}. Samuel Grant
M^{r}. John Barrett
Capt. Alex^{r}. Sears
Capt. Benj^{e}. Hammett
M^{r}. William Larrabee
M^{r}. Samuel Procter, Constable

[51.] Ward, Number Three
Abiel Walley Esqr.
M^{r}. John Tudor
M^{r}. John Breck
M^{r}. David Jenkins
M^{r}. Thomas Greenough
Capt. John Goldthwait
M^{r}. John Glen, Constable

Ward, Number Four
The Hon^{oble}. John Jeffries Esqr.
William Tyler Esqr.
M^{r}. Isaac Walker
M^{r}. John Scollay
M^{r}. David Jeffries
Capt. Nathl. Barber
M^{r}. Nathl. Holmes
M^{r}. John Bridge, Constable

Ward, Number Five
Dan. Henchman Esqr.
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
M^{r}. James Bowdoin
Capt. Capt James Scutt
M^{r}. James Pitts
M^{r}. Henry Newman
Capt. Thomas Savage
M^{r}. Joseph Bass, Constable

[52.] Ward Number Six
John Phillips Esqr.
M^{r}. Joseph Greene
M^{r}. Willm. Fairfield
M^{r}. Ben^{a}. Dolbeare
M^{r}. Richard Billings
M^{r}. Saml Phillips Savage
M^{r}. Augustus Hail Constable

Ward, Number Seven
Jacob Royall Esq.
M^{r}. Joseph Sherburne
M^{r}. Peter Chardon
M^{r}. Sam^{i} Edwards
M^{r}. John Simpson
Capt. Hugh M^{c}.Daniel
M^{r}. Thomas Chapman, Constable

Ward, Number Eight
Joshua Winslow Esqr.
M^{r}. Edward Bromfield
Capt. Joseph Jackson
M^{r}. James Boutineau
M^{r}. Jonathan Payson
M^{r}. Nicholas Boylstone
M^{r}. Alexander Leblond Const^{ble}

Ward, Number Nine
The Honble Andrew Oliver Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Capt. Saml. Hewes
M^{r}. Saml. Deming
M^{r}. Peter Oliver
M^{r}. Jon^{a}. Williams
M^{r}. Robert Clarke Const^{a}.

Ward, Number Ten
The Hon^{oble}. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
Jeremiah Green Esqr.
Joseph Dowse Esqr.
M^{r}. Middlecott Cooke
Dr Sylvester Gardiner
Mr Thomas Cushing
M^{r}. Willm Blair Townsend
M^{r}. Gideon Thayer

Ward, Number Eleven
The Hon^{oble}. Thomas Hubbard Esqr.
The Hon^{oble}. Richard Bill Esqr.
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
M^{r}. Thomas Flucker
M^{r}. John Winslow
M^{r}. Nath$_{l}$ Bethune
M^{r}. Joseph Lasinby
M^{r}. Isaac Decoster, Constable

[52.] Ward, Number Twelve
The Honble. Samuel Welles Esqr.
John Hill Esqr.
M^{r}. Thomas Hill
M^{r}. Thomas Greene
M^{r}. William Coffin
M^{r}. Samuel Adams
M^{r}. Thomas Downe Junr.
M^{r}. John Patten, Constable

And the Town Clerk is directed to give forth Copies of the above Order or Sortment accordingly

At a Meeting of the Select men, February 24th. 1755
Present
M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill

Capt Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Mr. Scollay

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings and four pence p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for [**53.**] their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
of penny White Loaf		8	2
Wheaten		12	4
Househod	1	0	4
Two penny White Loaf	1	0	4
Wheaten	1	8	8
Household	2	0	8
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4	5	9
Household	6	0	12
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	8	11	2
Household	12	1	8

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 5th. 1755

Present
Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Capt. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the constables of [**54.**] Boston. In His Majesty's Name requiring them forthwith to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and rateable at Twenty pounds Estate to a single rate (besides the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil-Hall on Monday the tenth day of March current at nine oClock in the forenoon, then and there to nominate and choose meet Persons to serve the Town the Year ensuing as Select men, Town Clerk, Overseers of the Poor, Firewards, Constables, and other necessary officers as the Law directs; to Grant such Sums of Money as shall be judged needful for the relief of the poor and defreying other necessary Charges, to receive the Reports of the Town's committees on several affairs, to act upon a List of Jurors, to appoint a Committee to visit the Schools, to choose Auditors of the accounts of the Town Treasurer, and Overseers of the poor, to determine what preemium shall be allow'd to the Collectors of Taxes, and what time the Assessors may sit to make Abatements thereof; to receive and examine the accounts of the [**55.**] Granary, to consider what Salaries shall be given to the Masters and Ushers of the public Schools, to consider of the proposals of the proprietors of point Shirley relating to the Dwelling-house on Deer Island, of the Petition of Hopestill Foster for an abatement of Taxes committed him to Collect, of the several Bell-ringers that an additional allowance may be made them for ring-

ing the Bells to appoint a Committee to revise the By Laws, to choose Jurors for April Court, to act upon all such matters and Things as stand referr'd over to said Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 26, 1755.

Present

Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Mr. Scollay

[56.] Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread as the same is now stated for directions to the Bakers and Clerks of the Markett be as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
of penny White Loaf		8 -	2
Wheaten		12 -	4
Household	1 -	0 -	4
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	0 -	4
Wheaten	1 -	8 -	8
Household	2 -	0 -	8
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	5 -	9
Household	6 -	0 -	12
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	11 -	2
Household	12 -	1 -	8

Computed at five shillings and four pence p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, and the several Bakers within this Town are ordered to mark their Bread which they bake for Sale with the first letter of their Christian Names, & with the first and last letters of their Surnames.

[57.] At a Meeting of the Select men, April 28th. 1755.

Present

Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Mr Cushing
Capt. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings and four pence p. Bushell for Wheat, & four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows, vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		8 -	2
wheaten		12 -	4
Household	1 -	0 -	4
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	0 -	4
wheaten	1 -	8 -	8
Household	2 -	0 -	8

Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	5 -	9
Household	6 -	0 -	12
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	11 -	2
Household	12 -	1 -	8

[58.] At a Meeting of the Select men, May 7th. 1755.

Present

Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Mr. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a warrant directed to the constables of Boston,

In His Majesty's Name, requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston (within their Precincts) that have an Estate of forty shillings p. annum in Freehold in Land within this Province or Territory at the least or other Estate to the value of forty Pounds Sterling to convene at Faneuil-Hall on Friday the sixteenth day of May current at nine o'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to elect and depute one or more persons (being Freeholders and resident in the Town) according to the number set and limited by an Act of the General Assembly, to serve & [59.] represent them in the Great & General Court or assembly appointed to be held convened and kept for His Majesty's Service at the Court house in Boston upon Wednesday the twenty eighth day of sd. May and so de die in diem during their Session & Sessions according to a precept under the hand and Seal of Benjamin Pollard Esqr. Sheriff of the County of Suffolk bearing date the twenty ninth day April in the twenty eighth Year of His Majesty's Reign annoq Domini 1755. And alike requiring them to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as the Law directs to meet at the same time and place, to determine what Instructions shall be given to the Representves. relating to such matters as may come under the consideration of the General Court, to consider of the Petition of John Steel Esqr. & Jeremiah Greene Esq. for repairing the North and South Batteries; the Peto. of sundry Inhabitants for paving Long-Lane for paving part of a Street near the [60.] North Meeting house leading into Ship Street, for paving the Highway called Still house Square; of Jacob Wendell Esq. that a reasonable Consideration be made him for his Lands taken to Widen the Street by the South Battery, to consider what method can be taken by the Inhabitants that they may be relieved in paying so large a part of the public Taxes, and the more equal apportioning of them, to determine how far Oliver's Dock shall be filled up; to grant such Sums of Money as may be thought needful for the relief of the poor, and defreying other necessary Charges, to determine what Salaries shall be granted to the Masters and Ushers of the public Schools, to receive the Reports of Committees appointed on several Affairs, to choose

such Officers as may be wanting and to Act upon all such matters and things as stand referr'd over to said Meeting.

NB. The Poll for the choice of Representatives will be closed at twelve o'clock, and a Strict Scrutiny made as to the qualification of the Voters.

[61.] At a Meeting of the Select men, May 26th. 1755—

Present

Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Capt. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings and eight pence p. Bushell for wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
of penny White Loaf		9	4
Wheaten		13	4
Household	1	2	8
Two penny White Loaf	1	2	8
Wheaten	1	11	12
Household	2	5	
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5	3	4
Household	6	15	
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	10	6	8
Household	13	4	

[62.] At a Meeting of the Select men, June 4, 1755.

Present

Mr. Hill
Capt. Jackson
Capt. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows, vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
of penny White Loaf		8	11
Wheaten		13	0½
Household	1	1	6
Two penny White Loaf	1	1	6
Wheaten	1	10	1
Household	2	2	12
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4	14	3
Household	6	8	4
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	9	12	6
Household	13	0	8

[63.] At a Meeting of the Select men, June 18th. 1755
Present
Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Capt. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

Voted that the Select men visit the public Schools in this Town on Friday the twenty seventh day of June instt. and that the following Gentlemen be desired to accompany them therein vizt.

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
The Hon. Josiah Willard Esqr.
The Hon. Richard Bill Esqr.
The Hon. John Pyncheon Esqr.
The Hon. Stephen Sewall Esqr.
The Hon. John Erving Esqr.
The Gentn. the Representatives of the Town of Boston.
The Gentn. the Overseers of the Poor.
[64.] The Revd. Joseph Sewall D.D.
The Rev. Charles Chauncy D.D.
The Rev. Mr. Thomas Prince
The Rev. Mr. Samuel Checkley
The Rev. Mr. Ebenezer Pemberton
The Rev. Mr. Samuel Mather
The Rev. Mr. Andrew Eliot
The Rev. Mr. Samuel Cooper
The Rev. Mr. Samuel Checkley jr.
Charles Apthorp Esqr.
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
Thomas Greene Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
Mr. James Pitts
Mr. John Barrett
Mr. John Tudor
Mr. Oxenbridge Thacher
Mr. Treasr. Jeffries

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 30th. 1755.
Present
Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua. Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Capt. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

[65.] The Select men on Friday last visited the public Schools, according to their Vote of the 18th. of June instt. accompanied by the following Gentlemen vizt.

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
The Hon. Richard Bill Esqr.
The Gent^{n}. the Representatives of the Town.
The Gent^{n} the Overseers of the Poor.
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Samuel Mather
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Samuel Cooper
John Steel Esqr.
Thomas Greene Esqr.
M^{r}. James Pitts
M^{r}. Oxenbridge Thacher
M^{r}. Treas^{r}. Jeffries

And found in the South Grammar School there was 125 Scholars, in the South Writing School 216 Scholars, in the Writing School in Queen Street 180 Scholars, in the North Grammar School 28 Scholars & in the North Writing School 210 Scholars, all in very good Order.

[**66.**] Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains & Livelihood, which is Computed as follows, vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
of penny White Loaf		8	11
Wheaten		13	0½
Household	1	1	6
Two penny White Loaf	1	1	6
Wheaten	1	10	1
Household	2	2	12
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4	14	3
Household	6	8	4
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	9	12	6
Household	13	0	8

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 2^{d}. 1755.

Present
M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt Jackson
M^{r}. Cushing
Capt. Hewes
M^{r}. Scollay

[**67.**] Mem^{o}. July 4 : 1755. The Select men this day wrote the following Letter to Christopher Kilby Esq. in London, vizt.

Boston July 4, 1755.

Sir,

The Town of Boston being in want of a number of good Fire arms by reason that the Province have lately press'd them all into their Service, We embrace this oppurtunity to request you would purchase for the account of this Town, and send us by the first opportunity in the Fall as many Arms equipp'd with Bayonetts as Three hundred and twenty Pounds Sterling will pay for including all Charges. this Sum of Money we daily expect to re-

ceive of the Province as pay for the Arms they have press'd, as soon as received we shall remit it either to yourself, or put it into the hands of Thos. Hancock Esq. who will take care to transmit it to you. Capt. Erving has lately sent for a Number [68.] for the Province, they have sent a pattern we hear to your house, we desire the Arms you sent us may be exactly agreeable to that pattern, we learn the Province have ordered theirs to be made four inches longer, but we desire ours to be exactly three feet eight inches barrell, with loops, but without Slings.

As we are very loth to be entirely destitute of Arms for any time, we should be glad if you would take the trouble of Shipping them in two distinct Vessels, each one Moiety by this means we shall be the more certain of having some supply in the Fall. We desire that you'd Insure their Cost so as to Cover the whole Interest, and we must beg your peculiar Care that the Insurers are Men of good Estates, that in Case the Vessels should be taken or meet with any other mishap the Town may not sustain any loss. We shall depend upon your care that they are well made, Tower proved, & put up in the best manner. We remain, with respect your most humble Servants

SAM^{L}. GRANT
&^{c}.

[69.] P.S. We desire the purchase of the Arms with the Charges (taking the Freight into the Calculation) may not amount to more than the Sum of Three hundred and twenty Pounds Sterling

Boston, July 5th. 1755

Gent^{n}.

We have wrote you p. this opportunity for a quantity of Fire Arms, since which the inclosed came to hand, which we send as part of pay.

vizt. Ja^{s}. Griffin's Bill on Ja^{s}. Fitter Esq. for	£20
Charles Apthorp and Son on Tomlinson & Hanbury for	60

We have a prospect of making a further Remittance very soon.

Your humble Serv^{ts}.
SAM^{L} GRANT, &^{c}.

p. Cap^{ts}. Cahail and King

To Christ^{o} Kilby Esq. & Co. London.

[70.] At a Meeting of the Select men, July 12th. 1755.

Present

(omission)

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constable of Boston, In His Majesty's Name Requiring them forwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and rateable at twenty Pounds Estate to a single rate (besides the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Friday the eighteenth day of July current at nine o'Clock in the forenoon to determine whether the Town will make any addition to the South Battery for the better Defence of it, besides the

Repairs. Voted in May last, and what may be necessary for effecting the same, also to choose Jurors for August Court.

[**71.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, July 16, 1755.

Present

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Mr. Scollay

The Select men agreed with Capt. John Ruddock (agreeable to the Town's order to repair the Batteries) to sodd the inside of the North Battery from the foundation to the top of the uppermost Sleepers with good Saltwater sodd, to put in Scuppers to carry off the Water, all to be done to the acceptance of the Select men, to be compleated by the last day of September next, for which he is to be allowed and paid the Sum of One hundred and forty-six Pounds thirteen shillings and four pence lawful money.

[**72.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, July 24th. 1755 ——

Present

Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Capt. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

The Select men pass'd upon the List of Persons licenced the last year to sell strong drink as Innholders & Retailers within this Town which was approved, excepting such as are dead removed or married as therein mentioned.

And also pass'd upon the Petitions for Licences for the year ensuing, & the following Persons only were approved & Recommended vizt.

John Holyoke - - - - - - - - - -	Dock Square
John Cornish - - - - - - - - - -	Marlborough Street
John Ford - - - - - - - - - - -	On Boston Neck
Edwd. Barrett - - - - - - - - - -	Cambridge-street
Ephm. May - - - - - - - - - - -	Orange-street
Mary Clapham	Merchant's Row
Roger Lobb	Fish-street
James Mc.Questeon	

[**73.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, July 28th. 1755.

Present

Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Mr. Cushing
Mr. Scollay

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, & four pence p. Bush-

ell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows, vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
of penny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	0½
Household	1 -	1 -	6
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
Household	2 -	2 -	12
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
Household	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
Household	13 -	0 -	8

[**74.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, August 12th. 1755 ——

Present
M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Capt. Jackson
M^{r}. Cushing
M^{r}. Scollay

The Selectmen this day wrote the following Letter to Christopher Kilby Esq. & Co. in London vizt.

Boston, August 12th. 1755

Gent^{n}.

Inclosed is Thomas Hancock Esq$^{r's}$. Bill on you for Two hundred and thirty Pounds Sterling, this Sum with what we have already remitted you (reserving enough in our hands for the Freight) is about the sum we have to lay out in Arms. We remain,

Gentlemen,
Your humble Servants
p. Capt. Gafney & —— SAM^{L}. GRANT, &^{c}.

[**75.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, August 25. 1755.

Present
M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Capt. Jackson
M^{r}. Cushing
M^{r}. Scollay

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, & four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains & Livelihood, which is Computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz-	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	0½
Household	1 -	1 -	6
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
Household	2 -	2 -	12

Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
Household	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
Household	13 -	0 -	8

[**76.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, October 8th. 1755.

Present

Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
Capt. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	0½
Household	1 -	1 -	6
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
Household	2 -	2 -	12
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
Household	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
Household	13 -	0 -	8

[**77.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Octr. 15th. 1755

Present

Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Mr. Cushing
Capt. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings and four pence p. Bushell for Wheat, & four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains & Livelihood, which is Computed as follows, vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		8 -	2
Wheaten		12 -	4
Household	1 -	0 -	4
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	0 -	4
Wheaten	1 -	8 -	8
Household	2 -	0 -	8
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	5 -	9
Household	6 -	0 -	12
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	11 -	2
Household	12 -	1 -	8

[78.] At a Meeting of the Select men, Novem^{r}. 24th. 1755.

Present

M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
M^{r}. Cushing
Capt. Hewes
M^{r}. Scollay

M^{r}. Sutton Byles desires liberty to have a Road from the Neck to the Mill standing on the Land he has hired of the Town, and a Round round the Mill for his own convenience.

The Select men having Considered thereof do consent to his or his Assigns making the said Road accordingly.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of five shillings and four pence p. Bushell, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers [79.] for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		8 -	2
Wheaten		12 -	4
Household	1 -	0 -	4
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	0 -	4
Wheaten	1 -	8 -	8
Household	2 -	0 -	8
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	5 -	9
Household	6 -	0 -	12
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	11 -	2
Household	12 -	1 -	8

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr. 29th. 1755.

Present

M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
M^{r}. Cushing
M^{r}. Scollay

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of [80.] five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, & four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows, vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
of penny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	0½
Household	1 -	1 -	6
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
Household	2 -	2 -	12
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
Household	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
Household	13 -	0 -	8

At a Meeting of the Select men, January 7th. 1756.

Present
Mr. Grant
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Capt. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings [81.] and four pence p. Bushell for Wheat, & four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows, vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		8 -	2
Wheaten		12 -	4
Household	1 -	0 -	4
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	0 -	4
Wheaten	1 -	8 -	8
Household	2 -	0 -	8
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	5 -	9
Household	6 -	0 -	12
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	11 -	2
Household	12 -	1 -	8

At a Meeting of the Select men, Janry 28th. 1756——

Present
Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Capt. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

[82] Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings & four pence p. Bushell for wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
of penny White Loaf		8 -	2
Wheaten		12 -	4
Household	1 -	0 -	4
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	0 -	4
Wheaten	1 -	8 -	8
Household	2 -	0 -	8
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	5 -	9
Household	6 -	0 -	12
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	11 -	2
Household	12 -	1 -	8

Ordered that the Town clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majesty's Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town duly qualified rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate [83.] to a single rate

(besides the poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday the fourth day of February next at nine o'Clock in the forenoon to determine whether the Town will immediately proceed to raise by Lottery or Lotteries the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds lawful money for paving Boston Neck pursuant to an Act of the Great and General Court lately pass'd for that purpose; Also wether the Town will now make Application to said Court that a General Accompt and Valuation of the polls and Rateable Estates throughout the Province may be taken this Year, and to choose Jurors for the Superiour Court in February next.

At a Meeting of the Honorable His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, the Gentlemen the Select men, [**84.**] and Overseers of the Poor within the Town of Boston on Friday the sixth day of February A.D. 1756

Present

The Hon$^{b'e}$. Samuel Welles Esqr.
Joseph Dowse Esqr.
William Skinner Esqr.

Justices of the Peace

M^{r}. Samuel Grant
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Joseph Jackson
M^{r}. Thomas Cushing
M^{r}. Samuel Hewes
M^{r}. John Scollay

Select men

John Hill Esqr.
John Phillips Esqr.
Danl. Henchman Esqr.
Ebenezer Storer Esqr.
M^{r}. Isaac Walker
M^{r}. Royall Tyler

Overseers of the Poor.

A General Walk or Visitation of the Town was then agreed upon to be attended [**85.**] on Wednesday the eleventh day of February ins^{t}. at nine o'Clock in the Morning if the Weather be fair if not then on Friday following being the thirteenth ins^{t}. and it is also agreed to meet at Faneuil Hall at five o'Clock in the Afternoon to report the State of the Town &^{c}.

The Order or Sortment is as follows vizt.

Ward, Number One

John Steel Esqr.
M^{r}. Royall Tyler
Capt. Ralph Hart
M^{r}. John Ruddock
M^{r}. Robert Breck
M^{r}. Thos. Greenough
Samuel Smith, Constable

Ward, Number Two

Foster Hutchinson Esqr.
Capt. Nathl Greenwood

Capt. Alex^{r}. Sears
Capt. Benj^{a}. Hammett
Capt. Thomas Ja^{s}. Grenby
[86.] M^{r}. Newman Greenough
John Coverley, Constable
Ward, Number Three
Abiel Walley Esqr.
Ebenezer Storer Esqr.
Henry Atkins Esqr.
M^{r}. Samuel Grant
Capt. John Goldthwait
M^{r}. Samuel Edwards
M^{r}. John Tudor
John Wells, Constable
Ward, Number Four
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
William Tyler Esqr.
M^{r}. Isaac Walker
M^{r}. John Scollay
M^{r}. David Jeffries
Capt. Nathl. Barber
M^{r}. Thos. Sherburne
James Bailey Constable.
[87.] Ward, Number Five
Danl. Henchman Esqr.
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
M^{r}. James Pitts
M^{r}. Henry Newman
Capt. Thomas Savage
M^{r}. John Barrett
Isaiah Barrett Constable
Ward, Number Six
John Phillips Esqr.
Joseph Green Esqr.
M^{r}. Willm. Fairfield
M^{r}. Benj^{a}. Dolbeare
M^{r}. Richard Billings
M^{r}. Saml. Phillips Savage
Augustus Hale, Constable
Ward, Number Seven
Jacob Royall Esqr.
M^{r}. Joseph Sherburne
M^{r}. Peter Chardon
M^{r}. John Kneeland
[88.] Capt. Hugh M^{c}.Daniel
M^{r}. Thomas Jackson jun^{r}.
Andrew Campbell, Constable
Ward Number Eight
Joshua Winslow Esqr.
M^{r}. Edward Bromfield
Capt. Joseph Jackson
M^{r}. James Boutineau

Capt. John Hancock
Mr. Jonathan Payson
James Boies, Constable
Ward, Number Nine
The Hon. Andrew Oliver Esqr.
Joseph Dowse Esqr.
Mr. Peter Oliver
Mr. Samuel Hewes
Mr. Samuel Deming
Mr. Rufus Greene
Abijah Adams, Constable
Ward, Number Ten
The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
Jeremiah Green Esqr.
[89.] Mr. Thomas Flucker
Mr. Thomas Cushing
Doctr. Sylvester Gardiner
Mr. Ralph Inman
Samuel Harris, Constable
Ward, Number Eleven
The Hon. Richard Bill, Esqr.
The Hon. Thos. Hubbard Esqr.
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Mr. Wm. Blair Townsend
Mr. John Winslow
Mr. Nathl. Bethune
Mr. Benja. Church
Joseph Shed, Constable
Ward, Number Twelve
The Hon. Samuel Welles Esqr.
John Hill Esqr.
Thomas Greene Esqr.
Willm. Skinner Esqr.
Mr. Thomas Hill
Mr. Willm. Coffin
[90.] Mr. John Rowe
Mr. Samuel Adams
John Patten, Constable.

And the Town Clerk is directed to give forth Copies of the above Order or Sortment accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Select men, February 26. 1756.

Present

Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Capt. Hewes
Mr. Scollay

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings p Bushell for Wheat and four pence p.

Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows, vizt.

		l.	oz.	dr.
[91.]	of penny White Loaf		8 -	11
	Wheaten		13 -	0½
	Household	1 -	1 -	6
	Two penny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
	Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
	Household	2 -	2 -	12
	Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
	Household	6 -	8 -	4
	Twelve penny wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
	Household	13 -	0 -	8

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 1st. 1756.

Present

M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Capt. Jackson
M^{r}. Cushing
Capt. Hewes
M^{r}. Scollay

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

[92.] In His Majesty's Name requiring them forthwith to warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the said Town duly qualified and rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single rate (besides the Poll) to convene at Faneuil-Hall on Monday the eighth day of March ins^{t}. at nine o'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to Nominate and choose meet persons to serve the Town the year ensuing, as Select men, Town Clerk, Overseers of the Poor, Firewards Constables and other necessary Officers as the Law directs. to Grant such Sums of Money as shall be judged needful for the relief of the Poor, and defreying other necessary Charges, to receive the Reports of the Town's Committees on several Affairs, to act upon the List of Jurors, to appoint a Committee to visit the Schools, to choose Auditors of the Accompts of the Town Treasurer, and Overseers of the Poor [93.] to determine what preemium shall be allowed the Collectors of Taxes, and what time the Assessors may sit to make abatement of Taxes, to receive & examine the Accounts of the Granary, to consider whether any more effectual method than is already prescribed by Law, can be taken for promoting a more general Reformation of Manners, to consider of the Petition of John Hill and Samuel Wentworth Esq^{rs}. that a further term may be granted them of the Town's Lands on the Neck already leased to them; of the Petition of Francis Wells Esqr. that the Town would abate him Twenty eight Pounds sixteen shillings and ten pence part of his Taxes; of the Petition of sundry Inhabitants for paving Long Lane; of others that the Bell at the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Byles Meeting house may be rung at five o'Clock in the morning, [94.] to determine what other Bells shall

be rung and at what hours, what Salaries shall be given to the Masters and Ushers of the public Schools, the ensuing year, to choose Jurors for April Court, and also act upon all such other matters and things as stand referr'd over to said Meeting. The Freeholders are also to be Notified to meet at the same time and place to give in their Votes for a Register of Deeds & Conveyances for the County of Suffolk.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 28th. 1756 — Present Grant, Hill, Jackson, Cushing, Scollay, Henshaw.

Liberty was granted for the Schooner Dolphin Capt. Wyat to Come up to Town, she having been well Smoaked and Cleansed.

Nathl Clift Informs that He has brought in His Schooner Success from Frankfort in the County of York, three Women named Pashen Hoodly & ElizA. Gew & a Child of Mrs Hoodlys.

Mr. Williston by Order of the Selectmen Informed Capt. Andrew Duning Master of a Sloop that has brought a Number of French Neutrals from Cape Sables, that He must not Suffer them to Come on Shore untill Further Orders.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 5th. 1756

Present Grant, Hill, Henshaw, Jackson, Cushing, Hewes, Scollay. Ballards Petition

John Bennet Hatter desires to have a License to Retail

Voted that the Town Clerk Issue a Warrant for Calling a Town meeting for the Choice of Representatives; the Same to be on Tuesday the 11th. Inst. at Nine o'Clock in the forenoon.

Voted that the Revd. Mr Saml. Cheekley Junr. be desired to Open the Meeting with Prayer, & that Mr. Grant & Jackson Inform Him thereof.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 12th. 1756.

Present Mr. Grant, Hill, Henshaw, Cushing, Hewes, Scollay.

Assise of Bread wheat Set at 5/ p Bushl. & 4d. Allld for Charges.

[2.] Mr. Bridges applyd for Liberty to Exhibit the Micoocosm to Publick View — Voted that He have Liberty during the pleasure of the Selectmen.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 19th 1756 — Present Grant, Hill, Henshaw, Jackson, Cushing, Scollay.

Henry Neal Wife & one Child from Dorchester in the Manufactory House Lawrence Dobleville at Mrs. Kents be Warnd out.

Voted that Mr. Grant Mr. Jackson Mr. Scollay & Mr. Cushing be a committee to agree with some Person to fix up the Vane upon Faneuil Hall Market which was thrown down by the great Earth Quake, the 18th. of November last & to repair the Steeple.

Voted that Mr. Pratt & Mr. Thacher be desired to receive the By Law, & that Mr. Hill Capt. Jackson & Mr. Cushing Apply to them Accordingly.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 21st. 1756 — Present Messrs. Grant, Hill, Henshaw, Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

Whereas there has been & is now a Malignant Fever prevail in Town & Several Persons have Lately died of sd. distemper, which is apprehended to be very Infectious, The Selectmen Judge it will be for the preservation of the Health of the Inhabitants, & may tend to prevent the Spreading of Said Distemper, if Such Persons as may Die of the Same be Imediatly put into a Tard Sheet, & Buried the Evening after their decease.

Voted that Orders be given to the Several Sextons & Grave diggers, that as soon at they shall Hear of any Person dying of Said Fever that they go to the House of Such deceased Person & Inform their Relations or those who have the care of their Funeral, that they be directly put into a Tard Sheet & Buried the Evening after their decease and Orders were given Accordingly.

[3.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 31st. 1756 — Present Messrs. Grant, Hill, Henshaw, Jackson, Hewes and Cushing.

Mr. Bently Master of the Engine at the North end made Application that Danl. Baker may be Added to the number of Said Engine in the Room of one deceasd. — Voted that Said Barker be Added.

Whereas a verry Malignant Fever prevails in Town brought here by the Soldiers belonging to this Province that Came from Halifax, Several of the Inhabitants who Attended them being taken sick & dyed & as Several other Vessells are daily expected from Nova Scotia, with Soldiers, many of whome are vissited with the Same Fever, & as the sd. distemper is Judgd to be Infectious, Voted that a Memorial be presented to the Lieutt. Governer desiring that He would give Orders that all Vessells comeing from Nova Scotia or any place that have Sick Persons on board may be Stopd at the Castle till full Enquiry be made as to their Sickness & the Circumstances they are in.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 1st. 1756 — Present Messrs. Grant, Henshaw, Jackson, Cushing, Hewes and Scollay.

Orders were Sent to Mr. Hamilton to receive Several Persons that came from Albany in Capt. Staniford that are much Indisposed, & to keep them in the Hospital till further Orders from the Selectmen.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 2d. 1756 Present Messrs. Grant Hewes Scollay Hill Henshaw Jackson & Cushing.

Mr. Robt. Ford Informs that He has taken into His House Hannah Cowell from Roxbury Lives by Dr. John Clarke.

Assise of Bread Wheat at 5 / p. bush 4d. allowd for Charges.

[4.] Voted that Capt. Steel have a draft for His Accot. for Sundrys Supplied for the North Battery.

Mr. Glidden to have a draft for four Premiums for His Engine at Several Fires as Minuted January the 15th. Last.

To Warn out John Stricker & Wife who Came from N°. Carolina in Capt. Freeman Lives in a House in Cross Street.

To Order the Sextons to Stubb up some Poisonous Weeds in the Burying grounds near the Alms House.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 9th. 1756 Present Messrs Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Hewes & Scollay — Voted that the Pavement at Mr Cazneaus Corner near the Market be mended forth with it being verry much out of Repair & that Messrs Grant, Jackson & Scollay See it done.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 15th 1756 Present Messrs Grant, Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing & Scollay —

Capt Thos Donald being Stopd at the Castle William Informd that He has brought in the Sloop Biddeford Fifty Soldiers from Nova Scotia all of them have been sick, but most of them now upon the recovery & so well as to walk the Deck about ten of them are Confined to their Cabins. — Voted that Messrs Apthorp & Hancock Agents for the Affairs of Nova Scotia be Informed agreeable to a Votes of the Genl Court that they have Liberty to make use of the Hospital at Ransford Island for the reception & Accommodation of the Sick Soldiers above mentioned & that Mr Hamilton be directed to receive them as follows.

Boston, June 15th, 1756.

Mr Hamilton,

As the General Court have given Messrs Apthorp & Hancock Liberty to Improve the Hospital for Such Sick as Come from Nova Scotia you are to to receive on Shore Such men & goods as they Send who will take Care to Send down all Necessary [5.] Supplys for them. You must see that the Vessells are all well Cleansed Washd & Smoaked as usual & Let us know as soon as that is done that we may give Orders for the Vessells to Come up to Town.

Voted that the Selectmen Visit the Schools on Friday the 25th Inst^{t} & that the following gentlemen be Invited to Accompany them at Eight oClock on that day — Viz^{t}

Josiah Willard Esqr.
Richd Bill Esqr.
Judge Sewall
Dr Pyncheon
John Erving Esqr.
John Wheelwright Esqr.
John Osburn Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
Joshua Winslow Esqr.
John Spooner
the Representatives
Overseers of the Poor
Dr Sewall
Mr Prince
Dr Chauncy
Mr Checkly Senr.
Mr Pemberton

Mr Mather
Mr Eliot
Mr Cooper
Mr Checkley Junr.
Thos Hancock Esqr
Jas Bowdoin Esqr
Thos Greene
John Rowe
Treasr Gray
Treasr Jeffries
Colo Henchman
Wm Cooper
Middlicot Cook
Jos Feeburne

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 17th 1756 Present Messrs Grant, Hill, Heushaw, Jackson, Cushing, Hewes & Scollay.

Jacob Gould Jeremiah Norcross & Elizа Tarvell Applyd to the Selectmen for Liberty to take Several Persons from Ransford Island Lately arrived there from Nova Scotia in Capt Dunnells if well & fit to be removed, Accordingly the Selectmen wrote Mr Hamilton the following Order.

Boston June 17th 1756.

Mr. Hamilton

We have permitted Mr. Jacob Gould Jeremiah Norcross & Elizа Tarvill to Come down to See their Sons, if the Doctor thinks either of them in so good health & Circumstances as to admit of their going Home & will advise to it, Let them be taken from the Island their Names are [6.] Aaron Taylor Jabez Norcross Zachariah Tarvell Joseph Goodridge & Page Norcross but take under the Doctors hand His Opinion —

S. GRANT.
T. HILL.
J. HENSHAW
J. JACKSON.

Capt. Wm. Morton from Philadelphia Informs that Sundry Persons there have the Small Pox by Inoculation Vizt. about Two Hundred and & fifty that neither He or any of His men have been exposed while there to the Infection & are all well that His Cargo is Iron & Slaves that He has no Flax Cotton or anything Liable to the Infection.

Boston ss At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 23d 1756 Present Messrs. Grant, Hill, Henshaw Cushing, Hewes and Scollay.

Mr. John Cookson Informed that He has Let a House in Paddys Alley to Mr. Richd. Howell who Came lately from Cape Cod has none in His Family but his Wife they are Persons of good repute but He is unacquainted with His Circumstances.

Voted that Berthо Sutton Junr. & John Lawton be added to the List of Engine Men of which Wm. Sutton has the Charge, these two men to be in the room of Benja. Stevens & Saml. Peck.

To Enquire how Long Dr. Burksted has been in Town He Lives near the North Battery.

Boston ss At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 28th 1756 Present Messrs. Jackson Hewes Cushing Scollay.

The Widdow Durant Informed the Selectmen that She has Let Her House at the South End to Benja. Curtiss from Situate.

Voted that Mr. Laraby Warn Him & Family out of Town.

Information was made to the Selectmen that a House [7.] Near to Mr. Greenought Ship Yard belonging to Elias Robinson & others is in a ruinous Condition & very hazardous to the Neighbours.

Voted that it be viewed & Report.

Boston ss At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 29th 1756 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Jackson & Cushing.

The Schooner Jolly Phillips John Wait Master from Rhode Island Stopd at the Castle the Selectmen having Information that Sd Schooners Cargo Consists of Log wood Tar & Flour Apprehend there is no danger of any Infection —Voted that Sd Vessell be Admitted to Come up to Town.

Boston ss At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 30th 1756 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay.

Assize of Bread Set at Wheat at 5/ p bushl & 4d. allowed for Charges.

Liberty is granted to Edwd. Langdon to Open His Drain in Fleet Street He repairing the Pavement again to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Isaac Dafform Informs that He has Let a House to George Smith who lately Came from New York is a Lawyer by Occupation & has a Wife Named Margaret but no Children. Knows nothing of his Circumstances.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 7th 1756 Present Messrs Grant, Hill, Hewes, &Scollay.

Boston ss At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 21st. 1756 Present Messrs Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay.

Boston ss At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 23d 1756 Present Messrs. Grant, Hill Cushing & Jackson.

Wm Morton Master of the Schooner Dolphin Reports [8.] that He came from Philadelphia the 15th Instt arrivd Here this day that His Cargo consists of Flour Iron and Pemento desires Liberty to bring up his Vessell to Town which was Accordingly Granted.

Capt Stanford Master of the Schooner Jolly Robin from Philadelphia reports that He came from thence on Tuesday the 12th. Instt that He has only Flour & Iron on board that He was at the City only four or five days & took in most of the Cargo below the Fort Permitted to Come up to Town — By Messrs Grant Henshaw Jackson Cushing & Hewes.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 26th 1756 Present Messrs Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Hewes and Scollay.

Nicholas Sturman from Broad Bay Lane.

Isaac Phillips Informs that He has brought from Biddeford Mrs Hurly & four Children She is in a House at New Boston near to Dr Mayhews Meeting House.

Assise of Bread Wheat at 5/ p bushl 4d allowd for Charges.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen July 28th 1756 Present Messrs Henshaw Jackson Cushing & Hewes.

Sent to the Alms House John Presman & Yo McCullam dischargd by Genl. Winslow from the Army as Incurable. Order Signd by T. Hill & Thos Cushing Selectmen by Colo Hill & Mr Storer as Overseers.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Aug 4th. 1756 Present Messrs Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

Information was given to the Selectmen that the Plague or some Infectious Sickness rages in the Island of Corsica in the Mediterraneum, Capt Alexr Inglish of the Ship Boston from Cagliary being Sent for He Informed the Selectmen that He left that Port the beginning of May that He heard there that it was verry Sickly at Corsica but not the Plague that He performed Quarentine for [9.] Seven days at Cagliary but it was not required of Him at Walaga to which place He has Since He left the Island of Sardinia & that no Person has been sick on board His Vessell Since He left Cagliary.

Boston ss At a Meeting of the Selectmen Aug 6th 1756 Present Messrs Grant Jackson Cushing & Scollay.

Information was given the Selectmen that Jaques Morris a French Neutral had come into Town had come into the Town with two Small Vessells full of french Neutrals from Georgia but last from Barnstable, Sd Morris was Sent for & warned by the Selectmen not to Land those Persons in the Town, the Number of them is five men & Sixty Women & Children — about fifty of the above People wase brought in the Sloop Lemmon Barnabas Gibbs Master from County of Barnstable, who was also warned not to Land any of the Persons about mentioned in this Town.

Boston ss At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt 11th 1756 Present Messrs Grant & Hill.

A man at Piersons the Baker from New York.

Voted that Mr Goldthwait be desired to get a List every Month of all Persons warnd out of Town in Order to be Transferd to the Overseers of the Poor.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 18th. 1756 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing & Scollay.

The 16th. Instant Joseph Jackson John Scollay & John Phillips Esqr. as Overseer of the Poor Sent Edwd. Bartlet to ther Alms House on the Province Accot. He not being an Inhabitant of any Town in the State.

[10.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 25th. 1756 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Hewes & Scollay.

Voted that M^{r}. Willeston is Ordered to Notify the Several Collectors to meet the Selectmen next Friday at 3 o'clock afternoon

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 30th. 1756 Present Messrs. Grant Henshaw, Jackson Cushing & Scollay.

Thos Hancock Esqr Informed that there is Arrived at Ramsfords Island from Nova Scotia a Vessell with the remaining part of the Troops which went from Hence under Genl Winslow, the following Vessells Viz^{t} Schooner Leopard Thos Church Master the Sloop Capt Dogget Master, Sloop Capt. Couch Master with about Two Hundred men on. Inquiring of Capt Willard & Dr Cast who came up with S^{d} Vessells they are most of them in good Health on which we gave Mr Hamilton Orders to See that the Vessells & Men are well Cleansed & those of the Men that are well to permit them to depart the Island on Wednesday next & to take Care that the Vessell & Cloaths & Chests be well Aird before they are taken from the Island.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt 31st 1756 Present Messrs Grant Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

Assize of Bread Set for Wheat 5/ p. bush^{l} & 4^{d} all^{d} for Charges.

Boston Sept 1st 1756 At a Meeting of the Selectmen Present Jackson, Hewes, Henshaw, & Cushing.

M^{r}. Putnam Master of the Dock Engine Applyd for a Premium He being first with His Engine at a Fire at Mr John Welches House in June Last [11.] Voted that He have a draft for the Premium for Working His Engine first at the above mentioned Fire.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sept. 8th 1756 Present Messrs Grant, Hill, Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay & Hewes.

Voted that Mr Larraby be directed to Warn out of the Town Saml Legg who lately Came from Newport — that Mr Sever Lately from Rhode Island be Warned out of Town.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septr. 11th 1756 Present, Grant, Jackson, & Scollay.

Capt Thos Stanford Master of the Schooner Jolly Robin from Philadelphia Stopd at the Castle on Acco^{t} of the small Pox being in that Place, on Examination He says that He Left Philadelphia the 29th of Augt. His Cargo consists of Flour & Iron that He has no goods on board Liable to Infeccion — Permitted to Come up to Town.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sept 15th 1756 Present Messrs Grant, Hill Henshaw Hewes & Scollay

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sept 22d 1756 Present Grant, Hill, Henshaw, Jackson, Hewes, Scollay.

In Capt. Brett from Anapolis came Andrew Reed, Cockran a Carter from Roxbury, in Dupees buildings these two Persons to be Warned out of Town.

Mr Allen Taylor with his Wife came in Brigt Industry Henry Smith Master from New York Voted to Send for Capt Smith

Mr Maugears a Taylor his Wife & Child from North Carolina Voted to Send for Capt Truman by whome they Came.

[12.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septr. 27th 1756 Present Messrs Grant, Hill Henshaw Hewes & Scollay.

Assise of Bread Set at Wheat at 5 P bushl 4d for Charges.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septr 29th 1756 Present Messrs Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing & Scollay.

Voted that Messrs Hill, Jackson & Cushing wait on Messrs Prat & Thacher to revive the By Laws agreeable to the Vote of the Town Last May.

Voted that Messrs Jackson & Scollay Survey the draw Bridge & if it wants Considerable repairs then to report at the next Meeting & if the Repairs that are wanted are not much then to see that it is forthwith Repaird.

Voted that Mr Scollay acquaint Capt John Bradford the danger the Inhabitants are in on Accot of the Brick End of His House on Wentworths Wharf, that if He does not Speedily take it down that He be presented.

Voted that Mr Wentworth & Mr Hill be desired to bring in their Accounts of the Gravel they have laid up on the Neck as soon as possible.

Voted that the Selectmen Meet on Tuesday the 12th day of October at the House of Mr John Greaton in Roxbury in order to Perambulate the Lines with the Selectmen of Roxbury between this Town & Sd Town of Roxbury & that the Town Clark write a Letter to the Selectmen of Roxbury to Notify them thereof, & if it should be foul Weather then to meet the next fair day at 10 o'clock in the Forenoon.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octb 6th 1756 Present Grant Henshaw Jackson Scollay.

Memo to Settle with Andrew Oliver Junr Esqr. Gave Mr Procter an Order to receive in to the Alms House Edwd McGown a Poor Person no Inhabitants of this Province ——

Signd Jos JAKSON } Selectmen.
Jno SCOLLAY }

ISAAC WALKER Overseer.

[13.] Jona Brown Junr is admitted an Engine Man in the Company under Thos Bently [having receved a dismission from Capt John Carnes] being in the Room of His Father Deacon Jonathan Brown who has dismissed Himself.

A few days past Capt James Nichols Mastr of the Sloop Endeavour from Philadelphia being Stopd at the Castle on Accot of the Small Pox being in that Place. Applyd to the Selectmen for

Liberty to Come up to Town with His Vessell. On Examination the Selectmen found He had nothing on board Liable to retain any Infection & no other danger, therefore wrote a letter to the Lieu^{t}. Governer desiring the Vessell may be permitted to Come up to Town.

Joseph Jackson Esqr has applied to the Selectmen for to have the refusall of the Hier of the Towns Shop in which Mr Butler now Keeps when He Leaves it Which was granted Him.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Oct^{b} 13th 1756 Present Messrs Grant, Hill, Henshaw Jackson & Cushing.

John Ranstead applyd to have the Care of the New Burying Place.— To be Considered ——

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Oct 15th 1756 Present Messrs Grant Jackson & Scollay.

On the 12 Inst. the Selectmen of Boston in Concert with the Selectmen of Roxbury or their Agents attended the Perambulation betwixt the Two Towns, A Report whereof is here recorded as follows Viz^{t} The Report on File.

Voted that M^{r}. Hill & M^{r}. Henchaw be a Committee to Erect a gate at the new Burying ground lately purchased of Andrew Oliver Junr. Esqr.

Capt. W^{m}. Morton from Philadelphia in the Schooner Dolphin Attended the Selectmen on Examination He says He left that Place this day Week His Cargo Consists of [14.] Wheat Flour & Iron & that He has no goods on Board Liable to Infection His men are all well, the Vessell Permitted to Come up to Town.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 18th 1756 — Messrs Grant Hill Hewes Jackson Henshaw & Scollay.

Information being given to the Selectmen that the Sloop Edwd Morton Master from Philadelphia is Stopd at Rainsfords Island having a Man taken down on their Pasage from Philadelphia with the Small Pox — Therefore Orderd Mr Hamilton to take the man on Shore into the Hospital & was the best means for His recovery & to take on Shore all goods or Cloaths & Bedding that is Necessary to be Aird & to Air them allso to Air & Cleanse the Vessell & when so done to give & account thereof to the Selectmen & to Let no Person come from the Vessell or goe on Board Her. & if there is any Person on Board Liable to the distemper, to Lodge them in the Well House.

Capt John Phillips of Marshfield waited on the Selectmen with George Staver a German who He brought with his Wife & two Children as Passengers from Broad Bay — Orderd Capt Phillips either to carry them back to the place from whence they came or procure Sufficient Bonds that they may be no Charges to the Town.

Capt Edwd Morton waited on the Selectman & Informed them that He left Philadelphia yesterday Se'night that He has no Person on Boad Liable to the Small Pox besides George Fulford the Per-

son now Sick that his Cargo Consists of nothing but Flour Iron & Soap

Information being given to the Selectmen by Dr Wm. Clark that Thos Morton Mate of the Schooner Dolphin Wm Morton Master from Philadelphia is Sick of the Small Pox at His dwelling House in Wings Lane on which two of the Selectmen repaird to His House to Enquire into the affair & proposed to His Wife the removing Him to the Hospital [15.] which proposal she refused to Comply with without the Selectmen would agree to provide everything Necessary at their Charge. Therefore Voted that Sd Morton be removed to the Hospital at Rainsford Island & there taken Care of at the Charge of the Province.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr 20th 1756 — Present Messrs Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Hewes & Scollay.

Mr Brett desires Liberty to Open a School for Teaching the French Tongue.

This day gave Mr Hamilton the Keeper of the Hospital on Rainsfords Island the following Orders relating to Capt Mortons Sloop now detaind at Sd Island on Accot of the Small Pox.

Boston, Octr. 20th, 1756.

Mr Hamilton

When you have Sufficienty washed & Smoakd Capt Mortons Sloop & all the goods Bedding and Cloaths (Liable to retain Infection) that are on Board Her you may then let Her depart from the Island.

Signed SAML GRANT
JOSEPH JACKSON
SAML HEWES
JOHN SCOLLAY.

Lancaster Hill a Free Negroe appeard before the Selectmen & Informd them that He came into this Town about five years agoe from Charlestown that He first Lived with Mr Thos Flucker who gave the Selectmen a Bond to Indemnify the Town from any Charge on His Account.

Whereas upon Examining Capt Willm Morton Master of the Schooner Dolphin from Philadelphia He Informd the Selectmen that when He came up with the Castle on the 15th Instt about 2 o'Clock in the Morning the Sentry at the Castle never Haild his Vessell but Sufferd Her to Come by the Castle without taken any notice of Her. The Selectmen Aprehend that if what Capt Morton says is True that Such Neglect in the Officers at the Castle may be Attended with Fatal.

[16.] Consequently therefore Voted that Mr Grant Mr Hill Mr Henshaw & Mr Jackson be a Committee to wait on His Honour the Lieut Governer Phips & relate to Him the Affair that such Neglect may be remedied in Future — The above Committee waited on His Honour who Said He make Inquiry into the affair & prevent any Such Failure in Future.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 25th 1756 — Present Messrs Grant Henshaw Hewes Jackson Scollay.

Capt John Nichols Master of the Schooner Peggy & Sarah from Philadelphia being Stopd at the Castle on examination Says that He left Philadelphia fourteen days agoe that His Lading Consists of Flour & Iron that He has four of His People who have not had the Small Pox that they are at Present all well the names of the above four men are Alex^{r} Campbell of George Town Mate, — Price of Boston Joseph Anderson of Sheepscott & Thos Rogers of George Town — Capt Nichols is permitted to Come to Town with His Vessell & the above four Persons are permitted to Come up in the Vessell Provided Capt Nichols will Oblige Himself that they shall Continue on board the Vessell till further Orders Likewise Voted that Mr Willeston do Vissitt the above Persons daily that any Complaint of Illness they may be removed to the Hospital.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr 25th 1756 Present Messrs Hill Jackson Cushing Scollay.

Assize of Bread as Wheat at 4/8 p.Bush^{l} 4^{d} allowd for Charges.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr 1st 1756 Present Messrs Grant Hill Henshaw Hewes & Scollay.

Mr Wm Powell waited on the Selectmen & Informed them that the Captains Stanford & Dogget from Philidelphia were Stopd at the Castle & that they would not Suffer S^{d} Masters to Come to Town till ordered by the Selectmen — Accordingly wrote an Order to the Commanding Officer there to Let them Come to Town to be examined by the Selectmen [17.] relating to the Small Pox now prevailing in Philadelphia In the afternoon they waited on the Selectmen & were Examined — Capt Stanford says His Vessell is Loaded with Wheat Flour & Iron that He left Philadelphia fourteen days past all the People on board the Vessell Saving himself have had the Small Pox — Capt Dogget says his Vessell is Loaded with Flour & Iron He left Philadelphia Eighteen days past that Himself & three of his men have not had the Small Pox — that they are at Present all well on board Each Vessell the men on board Capt Doggets Vessell that (Besides Himself) have not had the Small Pox are — Thos White
Bates & Jno Fryer a Boy.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr 3^{d} 1756 Present Messrs Hill, Henshaw, Cushing Scollay

Joseph Eliot is appointed one of the Company of the South Engine under the Care of Mr James Cunningham in the Room of Nathl Wales who declines Serving any Longer. Said Eliot having produced a Release from Hopestill Foster Captain of the Company of Foot He belongs to ——

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 10th. 1756 Pres- Messrs Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay

Mrs Swain & Child from Halifax Came with Capt Willm. Nichols at Sr Henry Franklyn.

Whereas of Late great Number of Strangers have come in to

this Town from diverse places & have some time resided here without Information being given to the Selectmen whereby great Charge is Like to arise on the Town, the Selectmen Judging it Necessary in order to Prevent the above, that two Persons be appointed to Look after all Strangers that come into the Town therefore Voted that Thomas Williston be joined with Deacon William Larraby (Who has heretofore acted Singly,) to Officiate in that Office.

[18.] Boston ss At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr 17th 1756 Present Messrs Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Hewes & Scollay.

The Selectmen pass'd the Acco$_{t}$ of James Hamilton for Six Months Salary as Keeper of the Hospital at Ransfords Island Ending the 28th of Septr last being £6.13.4 —

Susannah Lewis from Abington two months agoe Lives at Mr John Storys at New Boston.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr 24th 1756 Present Messrs Grant Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay.

At the Burying Place at the Bottom of the Common Lately purchased by the Town of Andrew Oliver Junr Esqr is now fit to Bury the dead in the Selectmen therefore have appointed John Ranstead to have the Care of S^{d} Burying place & to Bury the Dead there.

On the 22nd Inst^{t} Sent James Gordon a Sick Stranger to the Alms House on the Province Account, He Came lately from Lake George has been in the Expedition.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr 29th 1756 — Present Messrs Grant Hill Henshaw Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

Assise of Bread Set at Wheat at 4 / 6 p bush 4^{d} allow^{d} for Charges.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r} 1st 1756 Present Messrs Grant Hill Jackson Cushing Scollay.

Thos Britt Informed the Selectmen that Rhoda Johnson who came in Capt McCown from Anapolis Lodges at his House on Gidnys Wharf Mr Williston to warn Her out.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at $\frac{4}{8}$ p bush^{l} 4^{d} allowd for Charges.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r} 8th 1756 Present Messrs Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

[19.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r} 15th 1756 Present Messrs Henshaw Jackson Cushing & Scollay.

Sent to the Alms House on the 9th Inst^{t} on Acco^{t} of the Province a poor Woman from Broad Bay taken up this Morning on the Neck, having Laid there all the Night in a Suffering Condition, Her name is unknown as she speaks no English the Order Signd by Joseph Jakson & John Scollay Selectmen & Royall Tyler Overseer.

Yesterday Capt. John Cushing of the Sloop Sea Flower from

Albany being Stopd at the Cattle Informs the Selectmen, that He has been a Fortnight on His Passage has brought with him Several Sick Soldiers which are Landed at the Hyanners He has no One Sick on Board his Vessell has Cleansd his Vessell & destroyd the Bedding the Sick Layd on — Voted that the following Letter be Sent to the Commanding Officer at the Castle.

Boston, Decr. 14th. 1756.

Sir

Capt. John Cushing in the Sloop Sea Flower from Albany being Stoped at the Castle on Suspiscion of having Some Infectious distemper on board & we having examined Sd. Master do apprehend that he may be permitted to Come with his Vessell to Boston without any hazard to the Inhabitants.

Mr. Joseph Webb is Appointed Sealer of Cord Wood that may hereafter be Landed on the Several Wharves in this Town, that are North of the Long Wharf, extending as far as Cross Street.

[20.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay.

Capt. Joseph Goldthwaite is appointed Sealer of Cord Wood that may here after be Landed on the Several Wharves in this Town North of Cross Street to Continue in Office during the Indisposition of Mr. Wm. Larrabee.

Voted that Capt. Henshaw & Mr. Cushing be a Committee of the Selectmen to wait on the Representatives of the Next Session of the Court about the Land that is Picketted in near to the Powder House.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 22d. 1756 Present Messrs. Grant, Hill. Jackson Cushing, Hewes & Scollay.

Yesterday Mr. Wm. Molineux Informd the Selectmen that Capt. Patrick James in His Ship Lyon was daily expected from New Castle & that He had the Small Pox on board had buryed one man on his passage, that He had recd. a Letter from Him from Piscataqua where in He says that he has taken all propper Care to fling overboard Beds & Bedding that had been used by the Sick and had Smoakd & Cleansed the Ship Sufficiently therefore wrote the following Letter to Mr. Ball the Pilot of the Harbour.

Boston, Decr. 21, 1756.

Mr. Robt. Ball.

Sr. as Capt. Patrick James in the Ship Lyon is expected to arrive from New Castle & He having had the Small Pox on board on his Passage we desire that when you bring his Ship up to an Anchor off the Long Wharf that He would not Suffer any Person to Come on Shore untill the Selectmen Conferrs with Capt. James.

[21.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 27. 1756 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Jackson Cushing Scollay.

The Selectmen gave Mr. Procter an Order to Receive into the Alms House on the Province Accot. Ephr. Gogin, the order Signd by Messrs. Hill & Scollay Selectmen & by Mr. Storer as Overseer.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 29th. 1756 Present Messrs. Grant, Hill Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

James Scutt Appeard & Consented to Serve as Collector of Taxes the Insuing year & propose Robt. Watt & W^{m}. Hall Leather dresser as Bonds Men — Accepted ——

Jon^{a}. Payson also Consented to Serve as Collecter the Ensuing year & proposed D^{r}. Kast & M^{r}. Greaton as Bonds Men — Accepted.

Sent to the Alms House Novr. 22^{d}. on the Province Acco^{t}. James Gordon a Sick Stranger who has been in the Expedition to Lake George & Came from thence some time past.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr 30th 1756 Present Messrs Grant Jackson Cushing & Scollay

Dr Clarke Informed the Selectmen that two men of Govern^{r} Shirlys Regim^{t} were taken down with the Small Pox in the Barraks at Castle Island on which they sent for Lieu^{t} Irvin the Commanding Officer of that Regim^{t} & Informd Him of what Dr Clarke had reported & offerd Him the use of the Hospital at Ransfords Island for the reception of S^{d} Sick Persons or any other that might hereafter be taken down with S^{d} distemper He paying the Charges that might arise On which He readily accepted of the Hospital as above Offered & agreed to pay all Charges that by any Judicious Physician Should be Adjudged Suteable and Necessary for the Support & relief of S^{d} Sick Persons. The Selectmen Accordingly gave Orders to Mr Hamilton to Receive S^{d} Sick Persons & Provide for them agreeable to [22.] the Orders He may receive from the Commanding Officer.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{r}. 2^{d}, 1757. Present Messrs Grant Hill Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay

Information was given to the Selectmen by Dr Clark that a Soldier belonging to Govr Shirlys Regim^{t} is taken down with the Small Pox at the Widdow Jacksons at the Brazen head upon which it was Voted to Send S^{d} Sick Person Imediatly to the Hospital at Ransfords Island & accordingly agreed with Mr Hartly to Carry them down with the following directions to Mr Hamilton Keeper of S^{d} Hospital — Viz^{t}. ——

Boston, Jan^{ry} 2^{d}, 1757.

Mr Hamilton

We Have Sent down to the Island p. Mr Hartly a Soldier belonging to Govr Shirlys Regim^{t} Sick of the Small Pox whome you must recieve into the Hospital & provide for them agreeable to the directions of the Commanding Officer of Said Regiment who will pay the Necessary Charges.

SAM^{L} GRANT
THO^{S} HILL
JOS. JACKSON
THO^{S} CUSHING
SAM^{L} HEWES
JN^{O} SCOLLAY
} Selectmen.

Boston ss. At A Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{r} 4th 1757 Present Messrs Grant Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay.

Mr Willeston Informd the Selectmen that Mr Hamilton is in want of some Beds & Cribbs for the Sick at Ransfords Island. Voted that Mr Grant provide them at the Charge of the Province also that the Sedan for Removing the Sick be broke to Peices. Voted that [23.] M^{r}. Cazneau make a good Serviceable Sedan at the Charge of the Town.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{r}. 5th 1757 Present Messrs Grant Hill Jackson Hewes Cushing & Scollay.

Mr Saml Adams one of the Collecters for the Ensuing year appeard & Said that He would Serve & proposed as Bondsman Andrew Oliver Junr Esqr. & Mr Saml Downes which was accepted.

Assize of Bread Set at Wheat at 4/6 p. Bush^{l} 4^{d} allowd for Charges.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{r} 11th 1757 Present Messrs Grant Hill Jackson Hewes Cushing & Scollay.

Whereas the Seat of Representatives in the General Court is not full by reason of Mr Tyngs being Suspended Voted that Mr Grant & Mr Hill be a Committee to wait on the Representatives of this Town & Inform them that as there are affairs of great Concern comeing at the present Session & the Town being uneasy that the Town at such a Critical Time is not full & to desire them to move the Court that some method may be taken that the Town may not remain deprived of a full Representation.

The assessors represented to the Selectmen that they had finished making the Taxes for the year 1756 and for their goverment therein had made the rates according to the Tax Act & agreable to a resolve of the Genl. Court upon the petition of the assesors of the Town of Salem in the year 1750 & that in Consequence of following S^{d}. Rule & by reason of 10 great a part of the Province Tax being aportioned to this Town, the Houses in [24.] Town will pay to the Province precisely One quarter part of what they will Rent for at a Medium besides the other Taxs of the Town & County, which Method of Taxing though prescribed by Law it is apprehended by the Selectmen if continued in will Finally be the utter ruine of the Town — therefore Voted that this Affair be Imediatly represented to the general Court by way of Memorial & that Application be made to the Court for an Alteration both with respect to the Proportion of the Province Tax Layd upon this Town & the Rule of Taxing (which Memorial is on File)

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{r}. 19th. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay.

Sent James Cawly a Soldier in Col^{o}. Gridlys Regiment to the Alms House the 8th. Inst^{t}. on the Province Acco^{t}. He being in a Suffering Condition the Order Signed by Saml. Grant & John Scollay Selectmen & Royall Tyler Overseer of the Poor.

Whereas Complaint has been made to the Selectmen that the Children behave very unmannerly & Indescently in the Streets &

use bad Language, Voted that the Masters of the respectives Schools in the Town be desired to reprove S^{d}. Children for Such Misdmeanors.

Whereas the Right Honble. the Earl of London has this day arrived in Town from New York Voted that the Bells in Town be rang on the Morrow upon this Joyfull Occasion from Seven O'Clock in the Morning till twelve o'clock at Noon & that M^{r}. Williston do Accordingly Inform the Respective Bell Ringers of this resolution.

February 1st. 1757 Capt. Job Bradford in the Schooner Loranio from Philadelphia being Stopd at the Castle on Acco^{t}. of the Small Pox being in Philadelphia Sent one of his men to Town who on Examination by the Selectmen says that they have been on their Passage from thence one [25.] Month that they have no goods on Board Liable to Infection therefore Voted that the Vessell be Permitted to Come up to Town.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{ry}. 31st. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay.

Mem^{o}. to Determine whether Capt. Watts shall be prosecuted for the Rent of Winnesimmitt Ferry.

Agreed to have the Vissitation of the Town on Friday next.

Assise of Bread Set at Wheat at 4/6 p bush^{l}. 4^{d}. allowd for Charges.

Boston ss. At A Meeting of the Selectmen Feb^{r}. 9th.1757 —— Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson & Cushing.

This day the Selectmen Let to M^{r}. Joseph Rhodes the Warehouse He now Occupys on the Dock at the Rent of Five pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence for every quarter of a year that He shall hold the Same, the Rent to Commence from the last quarter, He is allso to pay all Taxes that shall be assessd on S^{d} Warehouse during the time He holds it.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb^{ry}. 28th. 1757. Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

Capt James Scott this day produced to the Selectmen Reciepts from the Province County & Town Treasurers for the year 1755. Voted that He have a Draft for His Premium ——

John Ruddock one of the Collecters produced recipts in full for the payment of the Taxes Committed to Him to Collect for the year 1755 from the Province Town & County Treasurers & prayed for a draft for His Premium which was given accordingly.

Mr Thos Downe Collecter for the year 1754 Produced Receipts in Full from the Treasurers of the Province County & town & desired a draft for His Premium which was Granted

Assise of Bread Set at Wheat at 4/6 p. bush^{l} & 4^{d} all^{d} for Charges

[26.]

Boston March 5th 1757.

Thomas Hartly Keeper of the Hospital at Ransfords Island applyed that the Soldiers who have been Sick of the Small Pox at

the Hospital under His care & who are well may be removed Voted that the following Order be given Him

Mr Hartly any of the Soldiers that have had the Small Pox at the Hospital on Ransfords Island that are well & Cleansed may be removed to Castle William, but Observe that what Cloaths they Carry off with them be well aird & Clear of any Infection.

Boston ss. At A Meeting of the Selectmen Ma^r. 9, 1757. Present Messrs Grant Hill Henshaw Cushing Hewes Scollay.

Voted that the Annual Town Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers be on Monday the 14th Inst^t & that the Town Clerk Issue a Warrant accordingly.

Voted that M^r. Cushing be desired to wait on Dr Sewall requesting him to Open the Meeting with Prayer.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ma^r 14, 1757. Present Messrs Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Hewes Cushing & Scollay.

Voted that the Schooner Leopard Thos Church Master who was Stopd at the Castle be permitted to Come up to Town Capt Church having been examined by the Select men who Informd them that his Cargo which he took on board at Philadelphia Consists of Wheat Flour & Iron therefore conclude that there can be no danger of Infection.

The Schooner Dolphin William Morton from Philadelphia being Stopd at the Castle also the Sloop Bastine Nathl. Kent their Cargoes Consists of Flour Wheat & Iron have examined the Masters of both Vessells & conclude they may come up to Town without any danger to the Inhabitants therefore Voted accordingly.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ma^r 16th 1757 Present Messrs Grant Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay

The Selectmen agreed that Edes & Gill Shall Print the Votes [27.] of the Town passed yesterday relating to the Assessors Sitting till the first of April next to make the abatement of Taxes, but as complaints have been made to the Selectmen by Some of the principal Inhabitants relating to some Phamphlets, and other things they have printed in their News Papers that tend to destroy the Principles of the Christian Religion as generally profisied by the People in this Province and M^r. Edes being present the Selectmen Informd him of it in the following Words — Viz^t. ——

M^r. Edes

It has been the disposition of the Selectmen to Encourage Persons Industrious in their Business & you in particuler by giving you a full Share of the Towns Business we now deliver you this Vote of the Town to Print but at the same time Inform you, that you have printed Such Pamphlets & such things in your News Papers as reflect grossly upon the receivd religious principles of this People which is verry Offensive and Complaints have been made to us by some of the Inhabitants concerning S^d. Phamplets & papers we therefore now Inform you if you go on printing things of this Nature you must Expect no more favours from Us. To which M^r. Edes answerd to the following Effect. That He was sorry He had

given Occasion to any Persons to be Offended at what He had printed, but that He would take more care for the future, & publish nothing that shall give any uneasiness to any Persons whatever.

Assize of Bread Set as Wheat at 4/6 p bush^{l}. 4^{d}. all^{d}. for Charges.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 23^{d}. 1757 Present Messrs. Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing & Scollay.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 28th. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

Jonathan Payson one of the assessors of Taxes for the year 1755 produced receipts from the Several Treasurers of payments made them in full. Voted that He have a draft for His [28.] Premium accordingly.

James Cunningham Informd that the Engine whereof He is Master Workd first at the Fire that broke out at Thos. Spears the 10th. of March Inst^{t}. Voted his Premium Accordingly.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ma^{r}. 30th. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay.

John Corny wife & Child from Marblehead Says He Hired a House of M^{r}. Joseph Sherburne the 7th. Inst^{t}. & delivered him the Key again the 28th.

Whereas M^{r}. Joseph Sherburne has received the above John Corney as a Tennant without informing the Selectmen contrary to Law. Voted that the Town Clerk be desired to wait on M^{r}. Sherburne & demand of Him Forty Shillings Lawful Money for the Breach of the Law.

Voted that Abijah Adams be apointed to Succeed Deacon Larraby deceased to Look after Strangers that come into the Town & that the Town Clerk give Him particuler directions how to act in that Office.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 6th. 1757 Present Grant Hill Henshaw Hewes Jackson Cushing Scollay.

Capt. Wright at the Bare. Voted that M^{r}. Williston be Ordered to enquire of Elisha Foster concerning one Catherine Richards that He received into His House in Sept. 8th. 1751 and that the S^{d} Foster do appear before the Selectmen.

Agreed that the Fee or allowance to the Corders of Wood for the coming year be one penny half penny for each Cord.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 13th. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay.

Assize of Bread Set as Wheat at 4/6 p bush^{l}. 4^{d}. all^{d}. for Charges.

M^{r}. Elisha Foster appeared & declared that He took Catherine Richards as a bound Servant into his Family for a Number of

years & when Her time was out she returnd to Dorchester the place from Whence she Came.

[29.] Ordered Mr Adams to get a Warrant at Justice Steels to Carry out of Town Mrs Lyon & Child they are now at the House of David Seaver at the South End they Came from Rhode island last July was Twelve Months & were Warned out of Town.

Whereas it is represented to the Selectmen that the gate & Fences of the North Burying place is much out of repair. Voted that Messrs Grant & Scollay be a Committee to have the above repaird.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Apr 20th 1757 Present Messrs Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay.

This day Let the new Burying ground lately purchased of Mr Andrew Oliver Junr. to John Ranstead for Four pounds lawful Money p. Annum to Commence from the 25th March last.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 25th 1757 Present Messrs Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 27th 1757 Present Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay.

Voted that Messrs Grant & Scollay take Care that the Fence round the North Burying Place be Sufficiently repaird. That Mr Hill & Mr Henshaw take Care that the Fence round the New South Burying place be repaird.

Having this day received a Precept for the Choice of Representatives in the General Court Voted that the Town Meeting be on Tuesday the 10th of May next for that purpose.

Voted that Mr Cushing & Mr Scollay wait on the Revd Mr Prince to desire Him to Open the Meeting with Prayer.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Select men May 4th 1757 Present Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay.

[30.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 11th 1757 Present Messrs Grant Henshaw Jackson Cushing & Scollay.

Indulgence is given for a Month to Mr Seaver his Wife & Children & their daughter Lyon to tarry in Town but if they do not then depart they must then be carried out of Town.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 18th. 1757 Present Messrs. Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay.

Phillip Brock from New Hampshire Sent to the Alms House by Jos. Jackson & John Scollay Selectmen & Ryall Tyler Esqr. Overseer of the Poor.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 30th. 1757 Present Messrs. Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay.

Whereas the Sealers of Wood have Informed the Selectmen that they have been Obstructed in doing their duty according to Law at

Sealers by Mr. Gidney & Mr. Rogers therefore Voted that Mr. Jackson & Mr. Cushing be a Committee to Inquire into the above Complaint & see that the Law is put into execution against the above mentioned Persons or any others that may obstruct them in the execution of their Office.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 1st. 1757 Present Messrs. Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing & Scollay.

Liberty is granted to Isaac Walker & the other abutters on the Common Shore in Sudbury Street to Open the Same they paying the Charge & repair the Pavement.

Whereas Sundry Bakers in this Town have lately got into the Practice of making Loaves (Called Bricks) which are generally found to be much under weight & thereby great Injustice is done to the Inhabitants but as many Persons Choose to take those Bricks & desire that the Bakers may not be prohibited from Bakeing them. Voted that the Bakers [31.] have Liberty to Bake Bricks & that the Clerks of the Market be & they are hereby directed to pass the Same as Legal weight accordingly to the price thereof Provided said Bricks of the price of Four Pence fall but three Ounces Short of its Legal weight in consideration of Loaves of that form drying more in the Bakeing & so other Bricks in proportion to their Value.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 8th. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Henshaw Hill Jackson Hewes & Scollay.

Capt. Green applyd to the Selectmen to have the Peat from over the Celler in the Sconce at the South Battery mended.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 4/3 p bushl. 4d. Alld. for Charges.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 15th. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay.

Sent to the Alms House the 13th. Instt. Docter Rumbow on the Province Accot. a French Prisoner from the Jail where he being so verry Sick could not have propper Accomodations this man was brought into this Port about a year past either in the Woolwich or Lyn man of War — the Order Signed by Joseph Jackson & John Scollay Selectmen & and E. Oliver Esqr. Overseer of the Poor.

Voted that the Selectmen Vissit the Schools on Fryday the 24th. Instt. & the following gentlemen be Invited to accompany them at 8 o'clock A. M.

Sr. Wm. Pepperell
Richd. Bill Esqr.
Colo. Wendall
John Orsburne Esqr.
John Erving Esqr.
Judge Sewall
Dr. Pynchon
Andr. Oliver Esqr.
John Wheelwright Esqr.

The Overseers of the Poor
Dr. Sewall
Mr. Prince
Mr. Checkly
Mr. Pemberton
Mr. Mather
Mr. Eliot
Mr. Cooper
Dr. Chauncy
Mr. Foxcroft
Mr. Checkly Junr.
Mr. Byles
Mr. Dana
Joshs. Winslow Esqr.
Treasr. Gray
Treasr. Jeffries
Stephen Greenleaf
Mr. Jno. Ruddock
Charles Apthorp Esqr.
Jas. Boutineau
Deacon Marsh
Robt. Hooper Esqr.
Dr. Wm. Clark.

[32.] Assise Bread Set as Wheat at 4/6 p bushl. 4d. alld. for Charges.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 22d. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant, Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

Whereas the Fortification on Boston Neck is out of Repair Voted that Mr. Hill Mr. Henshaw & Mr. Scollay be a Committee View the Same & report next meeting what repairs may be necessary.

Whereas Hugh Hall Esqr has taken into his House at the North End Peter Ingerfield & his Family who came lately into this Town from Haverhill & has never given Notice thereof to the Selectmen Voted that He be prossecuted according to Law — Memo Sd Ingerfield Entred into Mr Halls House the 13th May last.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 24th 1757 Present Messrs Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

Whereas it is of great Importance to this Town and to the Province in general that the Magazine upon the Common be well guarded Voted that the following Orders be given to Mr Willeston the Head of the Town Watch.

Boston June 24th 1757

Mr Thos Willeston

We would have you to see that two Men from some Watch House in the Town take a Walk twice in a night to the bottom of the Common to See what Care the Watch that are Posted there to prevent any attempt against the Magazine whether they are

watchfull & Keep a good Look out or not Shift your hands each Night & the Hours of Walking & make Report to the Selectmen how you find them.

Whereas Jacob Wendall Esqr Chief Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in this Town has by Orders of the Court Required the Select men of the Town to make return to Him on the 27th Instant what Stock of Powder & Amunition the Town [**33.**] is at Present Supplied with & Whereas it appears upon examination that the Town is at present defficient with respect to some of the Articles they are Obliged by Law to be provided with. Voted that Messrs Cushing & Scollay be a Committee & are hereby Impowerd to purchase forthwith, Such articles as are at present wanting, and which the Town are obliged by Law to be provided with with, & make report of their doings as soon as may be.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 24th 1757 Present Messrs Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

On Friday the 24th Instant the Select men Vissited the Several Schools in the Town Attended by a Number of Gentlemen of the Town & Found in the Grammer School at the North Scholars at the North Writing School at the South Grammar School Scholars at the Writing School Scholars at the Writing School in the Common Scholars all in very good Order.

Sent to the Alms House the 25th Instant by Saml Grant & John Scollay Selectmen & Royall Tyler Overseer of the Poor George Lewis a Sick Soldier who was on the Expedition to Nova Scotia & Lake George He is not an Inhabitant of of any Town in this Province.

Sent Eph^{r} Gogin to the Alms House the 23^{d} Instant on the Province Acco^{t} He being a Stranger Saml Grant & John Scollay as Selectmen & Isaac Walker as Overseer Signed the Order.

On the 21st Instant Rec^{d} of Mr John Rowe p the hands of Mr Wm Powell the Keys of the East Celler in the Town House at the Same time deliverd Mr Powell the Keys He to give the same Rent that Mr Rowe did give which was Ten pounds Lawful Money p Annum.

Voted that Thomas Quyner a Butcher with but one hand His Wife & Children be Carried out of Town they belong to the Town of Brookline

[**34.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Select men June 29th 1757 Present Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson & Hewes.

Mr John Rowe took the Key of the Celler under the Province House the East End the 25th of September 1754 & deliverd it up to the Selectmen the 21th of June 1757 at Ten Pounds p Annum

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 6th 1757 Present Messrs Grant Hill Henshaw Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

Saml Wells Esqr Informd the Selectmen that he had Let a

House to Jacob Bucknam (Son of Jons Bucknam Esqr of Malden) in Frog Lane He believes that his Circumstances are good.

M^{rs}. Hamilton Widow of James Hamilton deceas^{d}. who Lately Kept the Province Hospital on Ransfords Island deliverd on Account of the Following Articles belonging to the Province that were at the Hospital at the Time of her Husbands decease Viz^{t}. 16 Rugs, 9 old Beds, 6 Old Pillows, 9 Blankets, one Close Stool pan, one Bed Pan, 6 Pair of Sheets, & by the Selectmens Order she has deliverd them to M^{r}. Thomas Hartly who is appointed to Keep Said Hospital & produced to the Selectmen his Receipt therefore which is on File.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 13th. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Henshaw Jackson Cushing & Hewes.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 4/6 p bush^{l}. 4^{d}. All^{d}. for Charges.

Capt. John Cook Master of the Schooner King Fisher & Capt. John Robinson Master of the Schooner Bonetta Informd the Selectmen that they Came from New York about ten days past & were Stopd at the Castle on Account of Suspiscion of the Small Pox being on board on Examination of them we find that they have no goods on Board that are liable to Infection therefore wrote the following Letters to Commanding Officer at Castle William ——

Boston July 7th. 1757.

Sir

The Schooner King Fisher Jno. Cook Master from New York being Stopd at His Majestys Castle William [35.] On Account of Suspiscion of having the Small Pox on board or goods Infected with that distemper have examined the Master & Inquired into the Circumstances of his men & Cargo & are of Opinion the Vessell may be permitted to come up to Town without danger to the Inhabitants.

Sam^{L}. Grant
Jo^{s}. Jackson
Sam^{L}. Hewes
Jno. Scollay
} Selectmen

To the Commanding
Officer at Castle William

Boston July 7th. 1757.

Sir

Capt. John Robinson in the Schooner Bonetta came from New York the 29th. June says his Cargo is Logwood & Flour has on board nothing Capeable of resceiving Infection, all his men had the Small Pox Save one Lad which he says never went on Shore.

To the Commanding
Officer at Castle William

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 27th. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 16th. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing & Scollay.

The Petition for Licences came under consideration & was determined upon.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 17th. 1757 Present Messrs. Hill Jackson & Scollay only.

M^{r}. Lowell Keeper of the Powder House waited on the Selectmen they desired Him to wait on them this day week to Sign a Lease to them for the Hire of the Towns Land Inclosed within the Picketts round the Powder House.

[36.] On the 4th. Instant were Sent to the Alms House on the Province Acco^{t}. by Messrs. Grant & Scollay Selectmen & John Phillips Esqr. Overseer of the Poor, John Tarbox, Robert Hart, Joseph Peterson, Alex^{r}. Ogilvy, Neal Williams, Arthur Dolerson, & Joseph Dawson, the above Persons were taken at Oswego & Came from Engl^{d}. in his Majestys Ship Nightengale & are not Inhabitants of any Town in this Province.

On the 6th. Instant Barnabas Keves (was Sent to the Alms House by Messrs. Jackson & Scollay) a One Legd man a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province.

On the 22^{d}. Instant Sent W^{m}. Lacky (to the Alms House on the Province Acco^{t}.) a Sick Soldier of Govr. Shirlys Regiment who was taken at Oswego & came Passenger in Capt. Trefry from Halifax.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Aug 24th 1757 Present Messrs Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Hewes & Scollay.

Assise of Bread Set at Wheat at 4/6 p bush^{l} 4^{d} All^{d} for Charges.

Voted that Mr Cushing with the Town Clerk prepared a Memorial to be presented to the General Court in their present session relating to prolonging the time allowd for Selling the Ticketts & drawing the Lottery, they find that they are much Straitned as to Time, as allso to obtain Liberty to Build a Wharf or House Wall on each Side the Neck to Keep off the Sea from Injuring the Pavement.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 31st 1757 Present Messrs Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

At the request of Nathl Brown Capt. of one of the Fire Engines Joseph True was appointed as one of the Engine men in the Room of Richard True deceased.

[37.] This day James Paterson who brought to Town in his Sloop from Kennebeck one Mrs Foke a dutch Woman was Sent for by the Selectmen & Ordered by them to Carry Said Woman back with Him to Kennebeck or give Security to the Select men to Save the Town from Charge.

Voted that Mr Cushing & Mr Scollay Employ a Carpenter to prepare Boxs for the Bullets lately Cast for the use of the Town.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septr 7th 1757 Present Messrs Grant Hill Henshaw Cushing & Scollay.

Thos Glover represented from under his hand that He had taken

into His House at the South End Timothy Tylestone from the Town of Dorchester.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septr 14th 1757 Present Messrs Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

Liberty is granted to Hannah Blake to Open a Drain in Orange Street She Engaging to make good the pavement.

Voted that the Town Clerk prossecute Hugh Hall Esqr for £8 ,, 0 — Old tenor being a Fine which He received as a Justic of the Peace in the year 1747 from Mr Clough for refusing to Obey the Orders of the Fire Wards when the Town House was on Fire, also to prossicute Him for receiving into a Tenement of His is one Peter Ingerfield the the 13th May last without giving Information to the Selectmen according to the Law.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septr. 21st. 1757 Present Grant Hill Henshaw Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

Mem^{o}. Yesterday four of the Selectmen Viz^{t}. Saml. Grant Esqr. M^{r}. Cushing & M^{r}. Scollay went to Fort Hill & had possession delivered to them for the Town by Joseph Calef of Boston Tanner a piece of Land that for Several years past has been in S^{d}. Calefs possession bounded Northerly on Land of Phillips & [38.] and others there measuring 178 feet 6 Inches this Line having a Bend in it Westerly on Fort Hill 98 feet 6 Inches Southerly on Land of Brattle Oliver 265 Feet Easterly on Land of Frothingham & Goold 181 feet 6 Inches. ——

Said Calef then became Tennant to the Town, there were present there were present as Witnesses Messrs. Joseph Larinby William Welch & Thomas Pimer.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septr. 23^{d}. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

Whereas the Selectmen are Informed that Capt. Arbuthnot who has had the Small Pox in the Hospital at West Boston is perfectly recovered & has Sufficiently aird Himself so that there can be no danger of Infection from Him therefore Voted that the day after tomorrow He have liberty to come into the Town to his Lodgings & that M^{r}. Willeston take Care that the House & everything in it be aird & that after the Nurse has aird and Cleansd herself she be discharged.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septr. 26th. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Henshaw Jackson Cushing & Hewes.

Assize of Bread Set as Wheat at 4/6 p. bush^{l}. 4^{d}. All^{d}. for Charges.

Barnabas Pooley from Marblehead first hierd a House of M^{r}. Thomas Lee at the North End.

William Dunstone from No. 3 was Kidnapd by one of the Kings Guards & brought to Canso about thirty years agoe Stayd there but a Little while was drafted out of Capt. Aldriges Company & Carried from thence in a Sloop Capt. Cotman Master to Annapolis there tarried Seven years then bought his discharge of Lawrence

Armstrong & Came to Boston in Capt. Peter Blyn where he tarried about a fortnight or three Weeks then went with Capt. Nathl. Donnell to Old York & there Married & tarried there two or three years then removed with his Family to Phillips Town & tarried there about one year then was disturbed by the Indians & removed back to [39.] Old York & tarried there but a Little while & removed to Connecticut & Lived from Town to Town being warnd out & then removed from Wallingsford to N°. 3 about the Latter end of last February on a peice of Land belonging to a man at Suffield & was to have thirty acres of Land if He tarried there three years but being apprehensive of danger from the Indians Came to Boston.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 5th. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 12th. 1757 Present Messrs Grant Henshaw Jackson & Scollay.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectman Octr. 19th. 1757 Present Messrs. Hill Jackson Hewes & Scollay.

Voted that there be a Town Meeting on the 31th. Instant for the Town to determine what may be further necessary to be done relating the By Laws & Orders of the Town & whether the Town will purchase a Number of Ticketts in Lottery N°. 3 that yet remains unsold in the Managers Hands to Consider of the Petition of Alex^{r}. Hunt that the Town would Sell Him a peice of Land Adjoining to his Land near Fort Hill.

Yesterday Thos Willeston Hierd the House in Queen Street Street in which M^{r}. Henly lately Lived a £8 — p Ann^{m}.

Voted that a Petition be preferrd to His Excell^{y}. the Govern^{r}. Praying that all Vessells comeing from Halifax may be Stopd at Castle William till their Circumstances are Enquired into, as the Small Pox is prevailing in Halifax.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 25th. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay John Metcalf Master of the Sloop Beaver from Halifax reports that He left that place twelve days past and [40.] Arrived here this Morning that besides his Sloops Comp'y He has brought as Passengers W^{m}. Ingols his Wife & two Children & one Boy, Ruth Story & four Children, Alex^{r}. Boyd brother to Capt. Boyd in M^{r}. Blanchards Employ. Mary Chandler she has had the Small Pox, that yesterday His mate Eliakim Smith Complaind of Indisposition & had since broke out with the Small Pox, that himself & three of his men Viz^{t}. Benj^{a}. Jones, Richd Tower & Samuel Butt have not had the Small Pox, has no Cargo on board.

Voted that Capt Metcalf go with His Vessell down to Ransfords Island with his Crew, & that M^{r}. Hartly recive them into the Hospital the Sick man only for the pressant & that Capt. Metcalf Continue with His hands on board his Vessell till further

Orders & that Dr. Whitworth agreeable to the mans desire to attend Him wrote Mr. Hartly as follows:
Mr. Hartly:

We have Sent down to the Island the Sloop Beaver John Metcalf from Halifax whose Mate Eliakim Smith is taken down with the Small Pox you must receive the Said Mate on Shore & take proper Care of Him, Let nobody come to the Island without Leave from us Capt. Metcalf & three of His men have not had the Small Pox therefore they must tarry on board the Vessell till further Orders, take the Masters Bed & bedding with Him.

On the 27th. of October Capt John Atwood of the Sloop Dolphin from Halifax being Stopd at Castle William on Account of the Small Pox being at Halifax reports that He left that Place Last Saturday Evening that his Vessell is in Her Ballast that he has brought no Passengers that he has three men belonging to his Vessell that have not had the Small Pox that neither He nor his men were on Shore at Halifax that he has now two of His men sick on board with a Flux. Voted that He be permitted to Come to Town with his Vessell that the two men that are Sick be not permitted to Come on Shore untill they are Vissited by a Docter to know what they are Sick off & that a Letter be Wrote to his Excelly. on the above.

[41.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectman Oct. 27th. 1757 Present Messrs Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing & Scollay

Wm Ingols & Ruth Story who Came passengers in Capt. Metcalf from Halifax appeard before the Selectmen & say that neither they nor their Children have had the Small Pox that they removed from thence for fear of the distemper that before they Came away they were Carefull that they nor theirs did go near any House where the Small Pox was that they have been particulerly Carefull Since they were on board the Vessell so that they could receive no Infection from the man who is now Sick on Board on this Information they were dismissed.

James Scutt who was chosen Collector last March appeard & proposed for Bondsmen Robt. Watt & Wm Hall.

Jonathen Payson who was Chosen at the Same time appeard & proposed for Bondsman Jona Cary & Jno Greaton.

On the 29th. of October Cap. John Renton of the Sloop Raleigh from Halifax Reports that He left that place this day Seven night that He brought with Him as Passengers Mrs. Green three Children & a Servant Mrs. Mason an Officers Widdow two Children & a Servant another Woman (whose name He has forgot) & her Sons & a man who was brought into Halifax from Canada that himself & Eleven men Navigators have had the Small Pox that none of the passengers have been where the Small Pox has been that all the Passengers Saving Mrs. Green & her family have been on board the Vessell for Eighteen days past that his Vessell is in Her Ballast that He has nothing on board that can be Infected with the distemper Voted that He may come to Town with his Vessell on Monday Next.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 31st. 1757. Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing & Scollay.

This day the Selectmen were Informed by M^{r}. Hartly Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island that the Sloop Beaver John Metcalf Master is Sufficiently [42.] Aird & according to his Judgment may come to Town without any danger, therefore gave Orders for Her Permission to Come up to the Town.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 4/6 p. bush^{l}. 4^{d}. all^{d}. for Charge.

Mayor Goldthwait Informd the Selectmen that the pavement before his Estate in Ship Street is verry much out of repair & that there is Necessity of its being repaired Imediatly Voted that Messrs. Grant & Scollay be a Committee to view it & act according to their Judgement about the repairs.

On the 1st. of November Capt. James Stuart Master of the Sloop Falmouth reports that he has been from Halifax Nine days was Stoped the last Night at the Castle has brought as Passengers thirty two Officers & Soldiers belonging to the Regiments there & three Women who are also Passengers, three of the Officers being pressant Say that all the men they have with them have had the Small Pox that none of the men have been any where in the Town of Halifax where that distemper was, Capt. Stuart reports that he has no goods in his Vessell that she is in her Ballast only.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 2^{d}. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing & Scollay.

M^{rs}. Eliz^{a} Allen Informed the Selectmen that she had Let an House on Wentworths Wharf to one Benj^{a}. Hamlin from Eastham.

Capt. Phillip Drake Master of the Schooner Success from Halifax reports that He has a Number of Passengers on board with the Small Pox on board some the passengers are Officers & Soldiers on the recruiting Account & Some of them are Prisoners from Canada, therefore Ordered Him wlth his Vessell down to Rainsfords Island and Sent the following Orders down to M^{r}. Thomas Hartly Keeper of the Hospital.

[43.] Boston Novr. 3^{d}. 1757.

M^{r}. Thos. Hartly.

Capt. Phillip Drake in the Schooner Success from Halifax with a number of Passengers some of them Sick with the Small Pox we have Ordered down to the Island Such of the Passengers that have had the Small Pox before now upon Shifting their Cloaths and Leaving those they put off with you to Air may come up to Town the Sick you must take Care of & receive into the Hospital those that have not had the Small Pox must goe into the Well House till further Orders, Let the Vessell be well aird Cleansed & Smoaked & when fit to come up Let us Know of it — if any that have had the Small Pox have no Cloaths to Shift see that they wash themselves & air & Cleanse themselves & when you think they are fit to Come off Send us an account of it as soon as possible that they may come off.

On the 7th of this Inst^{t}. November Capt. Cosman an Officer upon the Establishment this day Informd the Selectmen that in Con-

sequence of their Orders to Mr. Hartly the Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island Lieut. Phillips who came Passenger in Capt. Drake a Vessell from Halifax with the Small Pox on board was detained at Rainsfords Island that upon application to the Governer He the Governer had ordered Mr. Hartly to Let Sd. Phillips come up to Town, which Order Sd. Hartly declined to Comply with as by Law he is Imediately under the directions of the Selectmen & could Comply with no Orders that Militated with them — Capt. Cosman therefore desired the Selectmen would consider of the Affair and Urged that as Mr. Phillips was an Officer on the Establishment & was not any ways Indisposed that we would permit him to come up to Town Dr. Whitworth also Informd the Selectmen that He had been down to the Hospital & had Seen Lieut. Phillips who he said was then [44.] In good Health & had not upon Him any symtoms of the Small Pox that Lieut. Phillips declaird that if He could be permitted to Come up to Town & should after his comeing up be any ways Indisposed & have any the least Symtoms of the Small Pox attending the Indisposition He would Imediatly return to the Hospital if the Selectmen thought fit or would be removed to any place they should please to direct, the Selectmen accordingly took this matter into Consideration & after some debate came into the followiug Resolution Viz. that Lieu. Phillips should be permitted to Come up to Town Provided His Excellency the Governor would Engage that He the Sd. Phillips should upon his first Complaining of any Indisposition without makeing any difficulty, return to the Hospital or remove to Such place as the Selectmen may direct to — Accordingly the Selectmen waited on his Excellency but He was from Home they then agreed to wait upon him the next day Novr. the 8th. A.M. the Selectmen accordingly waited upon the Governer & represented to Him how matters circumstanced with regard to Lieut. Phillips & the Resolution we had come into with respect to Him upon which His Excellency Assured the Selectmen He would see that Lieut. Phillips in Case He should Complain of any Indisposition after His Comeing to or have any of the Symtoms of the Small Pox He should Imediatly be returnd to the Hospital or be removed to Such place as we Should provide for Him in the West part of the Town, upon which the Selectmen gave Mr. Hartly the following Orders.

Boston Novr. 8th 1757.

Mr. Hartly

Permit Lieu. Phillips with his Servants to Come off the Island first Seeing that they bring off no Cloathing that are Liable to retain any Infection — Signed by the Selectmen.

[45.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novemr. 9th.. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Henshaw Hill Jackson Hewes & Scollay.

The Widow Gray who Came from Marblehead & has been warnd out of the Town has hierd a House of Zachariah Johonnot Esqr. next door to Deacon Jones in Pond Lane

Memo. to warn out George Ray who came from Marblehead.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^{r}. 12th. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

Capt. Christopher Prince Master of the Sloop Dolphin from Halifax has been from thence Four days, reports that He has brought as Passengers three of Capt. Trefrys men, that his Vessell is Navigated by six men, that none of the men on board has had the Small Pox as he Knows off but Himself & One of his men, that He has that He has on Board about four Hundred Sheep Skins that were brought on board to Him out of the Town, that the Small Pox that the Small Pox prevails verry much in Halifax, that he has no other goods on board but the above Sheep Skins that the utmost care has been taken by himself & men to prevent any Infection coming to the men that have not had the distemper.

Ordered His Vessell remains near the Castle where she now is or proceed to Rainsfords Island & there continue untill Monday afternoon, that Capt. Prince Open his Cabin Windows & Hatches & Air his Vessell Sufficiently respecting the Skins we have at Capt. Princes desire given M^{r}. Hartly the following Orders

Boston Novr. 12th 1757

M^{r}. Hartly

You may receive on Rainsford Island from Capt. Crist^{h}. Prince a parcell of Sheep Skins see that they are well aird & Keep them with you till further Orders

[46.] On this 15th. day of November D^{r}. Whitworth Informed the Selectmen that a Lad a Drummer from Halifax belonging to one of His Majestys Regim^{ts} there was broke out with the Small Pox at the Sign of the White Bear, the Selectmen accordingly Sent for Capt. (Cosman) to whome he belonged & Informd him of the above & Offerd him the use of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island for the Reception of S^{d}. Lad, we Informd Him that the Charge ariseing on his being there He must pay. He said that over and above the Lads pay which was Eight pence p day He did Suppose the Province wou'd pay we told him we could not promise that, On the whole He said that he would allow 12^{d}. Sterling p. day rather than any difficulty should arise, We accordingly Orderd the Lad down to the Island in Hartlys Boat & Orderd him to take good Care of Him.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 16th. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Jackson Cushing & Scollay

The Owners of the Sheep Skins taken out of Capt. Princes Vessell & Sent down to Rainsfords Island to air, applyd to the Selectman for Liberty to take them off the Island therefore gave them the following order to M^{r}. Hartly

Boston Novr. 16th. 1757

M^{r}. Hartly

When the Sheep Skins which Capt. Prince put on Shore at the Island are Sufficiently aird then deliver them to John Bodge & James Towell taking their Receipt for them

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 21st. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay

Information being made to the Selectmen that one [47.] Vickers a man from Rainsfords Island who came in Capt. Drake from Halifax was taken down with the Small Pox in his House Opposite M^{r}. Glidden at the North End as his remaining where he now is will be of the greatest danger to the Town, & as S^{d}. Vickers Chooses if He is to be moved that be be Sent down to Rainsfords Island therefore Voted that a Boat be procured & that he be Sent down this afternoon We accordingly agreed with M^{r}. Knox to Carry Him down this afternoon in his Lighter, as it will be difficult to secure the Hospital Boat from the Island in time, the Selectmen wrote to M^{r}. Hartly the following Order

Boston, Novr. 21st. 1757.

M^{r}. Hartly

Receive into the Hospital —— Vickers a man Sick with the Small Pox & take the utmost Care of Him as to His recovery.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 23^{d}. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

Capt. Peter Sinclair Master of the Ship Bristol from Halifax being Stoped at Castle William on Account of the Small Pox being there reports that he has been from thence Nine days, that he has no Loading on board his Vessell, took no goods from on Shore, that he has brought as passengers diverse Persons a List of them He will furnish the Selectmen with, that He has no Sort of Sickness on Board.

Mingo a Negroe man belonging to M^{r}. Gardner of Nantucket, who has for Several years been in this Town & who for some time has been unable to maintain himself, & is now in the Work House, as he is property of the Heirs of S^{d}. Gardner, & in order to prevent his [48.] becoming a Charge to the Town, Voted that He be Sent to Nantucket by Capt. Joseph Rotch & that the following Letter be Sent to the Selectmen of Nantucket concerning S^{d}. Negroe.

Boston Novr. 23^{d}. 1757

Gentlemen

We the Subscribers Selectmen of this Town Herewith Send you a Negro man Named Thomas Alias Mingo who has been here (as we are Informed) Several years. He belonged to M^{r}. Gardner of your Town now deceased & is Still the property of His Heirs & as we cant tell who they are we think best to Send him to you Gentleman that you may deliver him to S^{d}. Heirs as he belongs to the deceased M^{r}. Gardners Estate. The Town has been at some expense in Supporting Him which the Heirs will pay as soon as we Send the Acco^{t}. thereof, they being by Law Obliged to do it we are Gentlemen

Your H^{on}. Serv^{ts}.
The Selectmen.

To the Selectmen of
Nantucket.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 28th. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

Nathl. Clift Master of the Schooner Success is arrived from Halifax M^{r}. David Gleason who came Passenger in her Informs the Selectmen that they have been out Fifteen days & on the 26th. Inst^{t}. came to anchor in Nantasket Road where S^{d}. Schooner now Lyes that they brought no Sort of Cargo in the Vessell having only her ballast on board, there is not any Person on board that has the least Indisposition praying for Liberty that S^{d}. Vessell may come up to Town.

Liberty is granted Accordingly.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 4/6 p. bush^{l}. 4^{d}. allowd for Charges

[49.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 3^{d}. 1757

John Cosman Esqr. Captain in his Majestys 45th. Regiment Applyd to the Selectmen that they would (agreeable to a Law of this Province passd the General Court in their Present Session) provide a Suteable place to Quarter and & Billet one Captain one Serjant one Corporal one drummer & one Private belonging to the S^{d}. 45th. Regiment where upon the Selectmen Imediatly Orderd that they should be quarterd & billeted at Robt. Stones Inholder in King Street & deliverd to S^{d}. Capt. Cosman the following orders to S^{d}. Stone for that purpose Viz^{t}.

Boston Decemb^{r}. 3^{d}. 1757.

Sir

Whereas application has been made to us the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston by Capt. John Cosman recruiting Officer in the Troops Employd in his Majestys Service for the protection & defence of his Majestys Colonys upon the Continent of North America to quarter and Billet such recruiting Officers & Soldiers in Some of the Public Houses in the Town of Boston Licensed for the Selling within doors Wine Rum or other Strong Liquors by retail according to the Law in Such Cases provided — and you being the Occupier of Such Licensed Houses in Said Town — In pursuance of S^{d}. Law We hereby apoint & Order One Captain, One Serjant, One Corporal, one Drummer, & one Private belonging to his Majestys 45th. Regiment to Quarter & Billet at your House and we hereby Command you to receive & Quarter & Billet them according to the Law a foresaid. Fail not as you would answer the Contrary at your Peril as in S^{d}. Law is Provided.

Signed by the Selectmen

To Robert Stone Inholder
in King Street

On the 2^{d}. Instant Sent to the Alms House Jno. Tupper a Stranger no Inhabitant of this Province a dischargd Soldier from Some Regim^{t}. in Nova Scotia He came from thence in Captain Sinclair.

[50.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 5th. 1757

Application was made by Capt. Thos. Moncrief to Provide Quarters & Billeting for one Captain one Serjeant one Corporal one Drummer & three Privates, ordered that one Captain & one Private be at Weatherheads one Searjeant one Corporal & one drummer at John Burroughs two Privates at Danl. Silbys.

Upon Application made by Robt. Stone who had on the 3^{d}. Instant one Captain one Serjeant one Corporal one drummer & one Private Quartered upon him praying that some of them may be removed from his House, as he apprehends He has more than his proportion Orderd that one Serjeant one Corporal & one Drummer be removed from his House to James Davenport Inholder at North End — Orders on the above were given accordingly ——

Sent to the Alms House on the Province Acc^{t}. Thos. Pratt a Stranger who came from Newfoundland in Cap^{o}. Archer Signd by John Scollay & Saml. Grant Selectmen & Royall Tyler Overseer.

Sent to the Alms House on the Province Acco^{t}. Patrick Ryan a Stranger no Inhabitant of this Province He came from New foundland in Capt. Stephen Brown ——

On the 6th. Instant Sent W^{m}. Wallet to the Alms House on the Province Acc^{o}. He is a Stranger no Inhabitant of this Province He came from Halifax in Capt. S^{t}. Clair He is a dischargd Soldier.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 7th. 1757 Present Messrs. Jackson Hill Cushing Scollay

—On the 8th Instant the Selectmen removed the Corporal Sent to M^{r}. Burroughs, to James Gooch Esqr. Inholder in King Street at the request of his officer.

M^{r}. Jon^{a} Payson one of the Collectors of Taxes Chose in March last appeard & proposed John Greaton of Roxbury & Jonathan [51.] Carey of Boston for his Sureties in that Office which were Accepted.

Capt. James Scutt another Collector appeard & proposed Paul Baxter & W^{m}. Hall for his Sureties — which were Accepted.

M^{r}. Samuel Adams another Collector appeard & proposed Andrew Oliver Esqr. & Saml. Downe for his Sureties — which were Accepted.

M^{r}. John Ruddock the other Collector proposed Nathl. Greenwood & Caleb Parker for his Sureties — which were Accepted.

On the 12th. Instant Capt. Benj^{a}. Homer Master of the Sloop Good Intent from Halifax being Stopd at the Castle Reports, that He has been from Halifax Eight days, that He has no goods on board Liable to any Infection that he has no Cargo on board & that no Person on board Complains of any Indisposition, that himself & another Man has not had the Small Pox, all the rest of his men have had it, that He has brought with him as passengers Capt. Ichabod Jones & W^{m}. Gally of this Town — Voted that He come to Town with his Vessell.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 14th. 1757 Present Messrs. Hill Henshaw Cushing Jackson Hewes & Scollay.

Capt. Kenny waited on the Selectmen & Informd them that he came from Broad Bay with his Wife and Five Children in Capt.

Jon^{a}. Buck of Haverhill on which Capt. Buck waited on the Selectmen & Informed them that He took on board the abovesaid Kenny & Family at Marblehead & brought them from thence here, therefore the Selectmen demanded of Capt. Buck that he back to Marblehead the above said Kenny & Family or give Bond — He agreed to Carry them back to Marblehead rather than to give Bond.

[52.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 21st. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Henshaw Jackson Hewes Scollay.

Application was made to the Selectmen by M^{r}. Phillip Freeman that a Negroe man named Jack Hearvey from Hingham might have Liberty to Continue in this Town — Voted that He depart the Town & that He on no Consideration be permitted to Continue in in.

On the 19th. Instant the Selectmen Sent to John Marston Inholder at the Sign of the Golden Ball two Privates of the first or Royal Regim^{t}. to Quarter & Billet.

On the 20th. Inst^{t}. Sent to Capt. Day at the Sun Tavern one private of the 40th. Regim^{t}. to Quarter & Billet.

On the 23^{d}. Inst^{t}. Sent to M^{r}. Bean at the Bull Tavern one Serjeant & one Private of the 47th. Regim^{t}. to Quarter.

The Same day Sent to John Ridgway Inholder in Shrimptons Lane one Drummer & one Private of the 47th. Regiment to Quarter.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 26th. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing & Scollay.

Applications was made to the Selectmen by Nathl. Brown Master of one of the North Engines for a man to Supply the place of W^{m}. Vane deceas^{d}. He desired that Joseph Peirce distiller be the Man. Voted that S^{d}. Peirce Supply the place of S^{d}. Vane as above.

Mathew Stuart Informs by Certificate from under his hand that He has Let a House at the South End to John Lawrance Housewright who came from Brantry with his Wife & two Children.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 4/6 p. bush^{l}. 4^{d}. all^{d}. for Charges.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 28th. 1757 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Hewes Scollay.

On the 31st. of this Month Sent a Sergent of Capt. Gorhams Comp^{y}. of Rangers to W^{m}. Cowells for Quarters.

[53.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{r}. 4th. 1758 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Jackson Hewes Cushing and Scollay.

W^{m}. Clark Informs the Selectmen that Has received into his House W^{m}. Brooks a discharged Soldier from Halifax.

Voted that M^{r}. Hill & M^{r}. Cushing be a Committee to wait on M^{r}. Palfry Capt. Gould & M^{r}. Cord Wing to get from them their Evidence in Perpetuam rei Memoriam relating the Towns Land on Fort Hill —

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{ry}. 10th. 1758 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

Capt. Benj^{a}. Parrot Master of the Sloop Dolphin reports that He has been Nine days from Halifax that he has brought no goods in his Vessell Saving Sixteen Barrells of Sugar & no other Passengers than M^{r}. Hugh Mc Daniel of this Town that He has no Sickness on board & nothing Liable to any Infection, that his Vessell was stopped the last Night at the Castle Voted that He be permitted to brign his Vessell up to Town.

Capt Thos. Metcalf Master of the Sloop Beaver reports that He has been Seven days from Halifax that his Vessell was Stopd at the Castle on Account of the Small Pox that he has brought no Sort of goods in his Vessell that he has as passengers twenty four reguler Soldiers on the recruiting Service & Seventeen Provincialls that came from Canada — By Order of His Excellency the Regulers & Provincialls are to be received at the Castle therefore Voted that He be permitted to Come up to Town with his Vessell.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{ry}. 18th. 1758 Present Messrs. Grant Jackson Henshaw & Scollay.

Zebulon Sylvester a Barber Informs the Selectmen that Nineteen days past He received as a Journeyman Saml. Gilbert from Connecticut.

[54.] On the 16th. Instant Capt. James Bruce Master of the Ship Martha from New York reports that He left that Place Fifteen days agoe was Stopd at the Castle on Acco^{t}. of the Small Pox, that He has no Cargo on board, that he took nothing from on Shore Liable to any Infection, that He brought no Passengers that none of his People are Liable to the distemper — Voted that He be permitted to Come up to Town with his Vesell.

17th. Instant Sent James Griffin a Stranger to the Alms House an Invalid from Halifax he came in Capt. Sinclair belong Lasscells Regiment, Order Signd by Jo^{s}. Jackson & John Scollay Selectmen & Royall Tyler Overseer.

Assise Bread Set as Wheat at 4/2 p. bush^{l}. 4^{d}. all^{d}. for Charges.

On the 19th. Instant Capt. Robert McCown in the Sloop Endeavour from Halifax reports that he left that place Six days past & was Stopd this day at the Castle on Account of the Small Pox, that He has no Cargo on board that He has brought Six passengers, two of which are dismissed Soldiers the other four Persons are Traders that went from hence with Capt. McCown, that no Person on board his Vessell are Liable to the distemper, that He took the greatest Care that no Person or thing Should Come on board his Vessell whereby the distemper might be Communicated — Voted that He be permitted to Come up to Town with his Vessell.

Boston Jan^{ry}. 20th. 1758. Capt. Edwd. Doten of the Schooner Abigail reports that He left Halifax this day Se'night & was Stopd yesterday at the Castle on Account of the Small Pox, that he has brought in his Vessell as Passengers, Rich^{d}. Codman of Charles-

town & his Brother & Lieut^{t}. Morris of the Regulers, who have all had the Small Pox, that he has no Cargo on board Saving Forty three Barrells of Beef that himself two men & a Boy have not had the Small Pox that he & his men have been verry Careful least they Should take the distemper, that he has brought no goods Liable to Infection, Voted that he come to town with his Vessell.

[**55.**] D^{r}. W^{m}. Clark Inform'd the Selectmen that Saml. Mills a Drummer in the Royall American Regiment who came lately from New York is taken with the Small Pox at the House of John Mills in Cornhill — Voted that He be Imediatly removed to the Hospital at West Boston & that M^{r}. Cushing & M^{r}. Scollay see it Effected and that Applications be made to Capt. Cosman the Commanding officer concerning the Charges that may Insure.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 4/6 4^{d}. allowd for Charges.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{r}. 30th. 1758 Present Messrs. Grant Henshaw Hill Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

A draft for Ink for the Schools.

The Town of Chelsea to be Charged with the Charge ariseing on Henry Vickers an Inhabitant of that town who had the Small Pox at the Hospital at Rainsfords Island.

Voted that an Application be preferrd to the Genl. Court for a more Effectual Law to Prevent Fraud relating to Cord Wood & Charcoal.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb^{ry}. 10th. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

Sent to the Alms House on the Province Acco^{t}. a Number of Persons who are returned from Captivity in Canada who are Inhabitants of some of the Southern Goverments.

Capt. Martha [*sic*] McCarrol Master of the Sloop Ruth & Elizabeth reports to the Selectmen that He has been from Halifax four days that He arrived on Saturday Evening & was not Stopd at the Castle, that He left the Vessell in the Narrows (the Wind being against him) & Came up to Town, that He was not on board when the Vessell was Haild from the Castle, that He has now orderd his Vessell down to the Castle, that He has no Cargo on board, that He brought no Passengers that He took no goods from the Town [**56.**] Liable to any Infection, that he brought to Town a few Letters but took Care to Smoak them before He Left the Vessell.

Information was brought to the Selectmen by M^{r}. Hartly that the Sloop Falmouth James Stuart Master was arrivd at Rainsfords Island from Halifax & that Samuel Woodbury Apprentice to the Mate of the Vessell was Sick with the Small Pox that they have been a Fortnight from Port that the Person Sick was taken down Last Tuesday, that they have no Lading on board — Gave M^{r}. Hartly the following Orders —

M^{r}. Hartly

The Sloop Falmouth from Halifax Capt. Stuart Master being arrived at Rainsfords Island with One Person Sick of the Small

Pox on board it is our Orders that you take the utmost Care of the Sick and any Person on board that is Liable to the distemper take on Shore to the Well House, Let no Person Come to or from the Island or Vessell without the Permission of the Selectmen, The Justice of the Peace Selectmen & Overseers having Vissited the respective Wards in the Town according to agreement the 10th. Instant Mett at the Selectmens Room at Five o'Clock. P M & report as follows —

John Phillips Esqr. for No. 8 reports that Mary Packard Lives by Dr. Noyes came into Town from Hopkinton about Six Months ago

Nathan Nicholson his Wife & two Children from Chatham Lives in Colo. Fitches Ally ——

Mr. Wm. Phillips for No. 10 reports that Andrew Griffin Wife & Child from New York Came into Town about two Months ago Lives at Mrs. Fultons in Seven Starr Lane

Mr. Isaac Walker for No. 6 reports that One Horn & Wife from Broad Bay Lives in Phillips Buildings near the Battery

One Mrs. Bull from Concord about three weeks ago Lives in Davenport Buildings.

[57.] Mr. Royal Tyler for No. 1 reported that one Widow Edwards who came lately from Lyn Lives on the Hill Oposite to the North Burying place.

Mr. Thomas Flucker for No. 11 reports that there is a Number of Dutch People at Wheelers Point who came from Broad Bay.

Mr. Isaac Smith for No. 12 reports that John Lawrance & Family who Lives Oposite Mr. Allens at South End came from Renton about three Months ago Peter Hammond from Broad Bay Lives in Gibbins Court.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Febr. 22d. 1758 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

Let to Mr. Richards a piece of Ground next to the Fortification on the West Side of the Street so much of the Land as is Suficient to Let a Shop upon, He to pay two Shillings & Eight pence p Annum during the pleasure of the Selectmen — Adjourned till tomorrow at 4 o'Clock.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Febr. 23d. 1758 Present Messrs. Grant Jackson Cushing & Scollay.

Several depositions were taken relating to the Land upon Fort Hill the Originals of which are upon File.

Benja. Lurvey Master of the Schooner Selican being put on this Oath by the Selectmen declares that He Left Halifax last Sabbath Night that he brought as Passengers two Lieutenants four Sergeants two Drummer & one Servant belonging to Hopsons Regiment with Benja. Lampson of this Town with a young Lad — that he has no Cargo being in his Ballast that he this day arrivd in this Harbour was Haild by an Officer at the Castle that he answerd (as Loud as he Could) from Halifax (with a Speaking Trumpet) that they made Some reply he Supposd they askd who was Master that

he told them his name that they did not Say anything further to Him as He [58], Heard upon which He came up to Town with His Vessel.

Capt. Benj^{a}. Clark Master of the Schooner Patience reports that He Saild from Halifax last Wednesday that his Vessell is in her Ballast & has no Cargo on board that He took off no goods from the Town that he brought with Him as Passengers a Gentleman & his Wife and an Officer bound to New York that He Stopd Last Night at the Castle — Voted that He be permitted to Come to Town with his Vessell.

Capt. Benj^{a}. Homer Master of the Sloop Good Intent reports that he Left Halifax Twelve days ago was this day Stopd at the Castle on Account of the Small Pox that his Vessell is in her Ballast that he brought with Him three passengers that they Left Him at Situate that he has no goods on board Liable to any Infection. — Voted that He come to Town with his Vessell.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb^{r}. 27th. 1758 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Hewes.

James Scutt one of the Collecters of Taxes for the year 1756 produced receipts in full from the Province and Town Treasurers & desired a draft for the Premium Voted by the Town — Ordered that He accordingly have a draft.

Jonathan Payson allso produced his receipts in full & Prayd for a draft which was accordingly orderd Him ——

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 4/6 p. bush^{l}. 4^{d}. allowd for Charges.

John Melledge by Certificate under his hand Informs he has received Josiah Vaxon & his Wife into his House from Dorchester.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 1st. 1758. Present Messrs. Jackson Cushing Hill & Scollay.

Whereas M^{r}. Thomas Lee has taken into a House belonging to Him, Aquila Hains and Family from Chelsea without Informing the Selectmen. Voted that S^{d}. Lee to be Prossecuted for the Fine.

[59.] Benj^{a}. Chadwell Master of the Sloop Adventure New York reports that he left New York Twenty two days ago was this day Stopd at the Castle on Account of the Small Pox that his Cargo Consists of Sugar Flour Pork & Cotton Wool that the Cotton Wool is Prize Goods, that it was taken out of a Warehouse & was not in any House where any Infection would be Communicated that all his People are hearty & well & no Infected goods of any Kind on board — Voted that his Vessell Comes to Town.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 6th. 1758 Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes

Voted that the Annual Meeting be on Monday the 13th. of March Instant for the Choice of Town Officers & that the Town Clerk Issue a Warrant accordingly.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ma^{r}. 8th. 1758

Present Messrs. Grant Hill Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

M^{r}. Williston Informd the Selectmen that M^{r}. Winburn Master of the South Watch was through Age Incapeable of Serving any Longer in that Office & that he desired to be dismissed from it — Voted that John Ranstead be Master of S^{d}. Watch in the Room of M^{r}. Winburn.

M^{r}. Hartly Informd the Selectmen that Capt. Darricott in a Sloop from Virginia was arrivd at Rainsfords Island with two Persons on board with the Small Pox on which we gave M^{r}. Hartly the following direction

M^{r}. Hartly

As Capt. Darricott in a Sloop from Virginia is Arrivd at Rainsfords Island & has on board two Persons that have the Small Pox the Selectmen of Boston order you to receive into the Hospital the Persons that have the Small Pox & take good Care of them, as to the Vessel as you have reported to us that she is now well & sufficiently Cleansed & may come up to Town without any hazzard to the Inhabitants you may Let her Leave the Island on being Satisfied for the Charge.

[60.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ma^{r}. 15th. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw Hewes Cushing Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ma^{r}. 22^{d}. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay Oliver.

On the 18th. Instant George Clark Master of the Sloop Jolly Robin reports that he left New York the 9th. Instant that his Cargo consists of Flour, Bread Sugar & Iron & some Reels of Yarn that himself & one of his men have not had the Small Pox that he does not think there can be any hazzard from any of the goods he has on board that when he left New York there was then but few People that had the Small Pox — Voted that he be permitted to come to the Town with his Vessell.

Joseph Webber lately Landed at Rainsfords Island out of Capt. Darricott Sick with the Small Pox desire Liberty to Come up to Town being recoverd of his Sickness — Voted that he have Liberty to Come off the Island next Monday & M^{r}. Hartly had orders accordingly.

M^{r}. John Brown Master of the Engine at New Boston Applyd for Premium for being first at the Fire at New Boston — Voted that He have a draft for said Premium the next draft day.

Whereas Application has been made to his Excellency the Governer by the Engine Men of this Town to be excused from Military duty in Consequence of which his Excell^{y}. has thought Fit to Excuse One hundred men for the Service of the Engine & his Excellency has referrd it to the Selectmen to appoint the Same among the respective Engines [14.] The Selectmen having disdiscoursed with the respective Masters & Considered of these Matter agreed to aportion the aforesaid Number among the Engines in the following Manner.

To the Engine of which Mr. Kneeland is Master — 14 Men
To ditto of which —- Mr. Bently —— ditto — 14 Men
To ditto of which —— Mr. Sutton —— ditto — 13 Men
To the Engine of which Mr. Cunninghan is Master — 11 Men
To ditto — — of which Mr. Putnam —— ditto — 10 Men
To ditto — — of which Mr. Read —— —— ditto — 11 Men
To ditto — — of which Mr. Robinson — — ditto — 8 Men
To ditto — — of which Mr. Nat Brown —— ditto — 9 Men
To ditto — — of which Mr. Jo. Brown —— ditto — 10 Men

100 Men

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Mar. 27th. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing Scollay Oliver & Austin

This day Capt. Thos. Metcalf of the Sloop Beaver reports that He left Halifax the 10th. Instant, that He was yesterday Stopd at the Castle on Acct. of the Small Pox that He has no Cargo on board that He brought with him four Passengers that nothing was brought on board his Vessell at Halifax Liable to be Infected — Voted that He come to Town with his Vessell —

This day Capt. Barber of the Schooner Speedwell from New York reports that He left that Place last Friday Seven night was yesterday Stopd at the Castle on account of the Small Pox that He was there with his Vessell but one day that He put in there in his way from Maryland that his Cargo is Wheat that he took nothing on board at New York — Voted that He come to Town with his Vessell.

Voted that Capt. Benja. Russell be desired to attend the Selectmen next Wednesday to Enter into some Agreement with respect to repairing one of the Towns Warehouses on the dock.

This day Capt. Edward Doten of the Schooner Abigail reports that He left Halifax the 10th. Instant that this day S'enight He put into Cape Cod, on Wednesday last He put into Plymouth on Saturday Left Plymouth, about Eight o'Clock on Saturday Night came past the Castle the man in duty Haild him He answerd from Plymouth that He came to Anchor with his Vessell off the End of the Long Wharf that his Vessell in her Ballast brought two Passengers who left him at Plymouth.

[62.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Mar. 29th. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay Oliver & Austin.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 4/6 p. bushl. 4d. alld. for Charges.

Sent to the Alms House on the 30th. Instant on the Province Accot. Gerrat Fitzgerald who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 5th, 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay and Austin.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 7th. 1758 — Present Messrs. Jackson Scollay Austin Oliver.

Benj^{a}. Clark Master of the Schooner Patience reports that He left Halifax with his Vessell the 12th. of March that the first Inst^{t}. he arrivd in this Harbour that he Came by the Castle about Twelve o'Clock at Night that his Vessell was not haild from the Castle nor no Questions askd Him that he brought no Cargo in his Vessell that he brought but one Passenger a Lieut^{t}. Roche of the Regulers.

Capt. Andrew Tucker of the Ship Dolphin reports that He Left S^{t}. Ubes with his Vessell Eight weeks ago the Last Tuesday that two of his men were Sick with the Small Pox before he left that Place, that after He had been at Sea, Seven days one of them dyed the other dyed after He had been Nine days out of Port, that the two men lay forward in the Vessell & as soon as they deceased He took down the Cabbins which they Layd in with all the Bedding about them & threw them into the Sea, that as Soon as they died He took the utmost Care to Smoke & Cleanse the Vessell & that He has now thirteen men on board his Vessell that have not had the Small Pox that for five weeks past these men that are Still Liable to have the distemper have passed any where in the Vessell & have not as yet taken it, that He has on board for Cargo Salt, Forty one Boxes of Lemmons & four Casks of Wine that He has put the Lemmons on Shore [**63.**] on Rainsfords Island — Voted that the Lemmons be under the Care of M^{r}. Hartly untill further Orders & that Capt. Tucker be permitted to proceed with his Vessell to Marblehead.

His Excellency the Governer having upon application made to Him been pleased to Excuse One hundred men from Military duty for the Service of the Several Engines in the Town, directed the Selectmen to aportion them to the Several Engines, which the have accordingly done, & therefore acquainted the Masters of S^{d}. Engines of the Number assigned to each of them, Ordering them to return a List of the Names of the Persons that they shall agree upon to belong to their respective Engines, which having done, the Seletmen upon examining S^{d}. List aprove of the men therein Named, who are as follows Viz^{t}.

Engine N°. 1 — 14 Men.
Tho$_{s}$. Bently Master
John Baker
Francis Marshall
Timothy Brown
Eben^{r}. Brown
W^{m}. Edes
John Ballard
John Clough
John Brown
John Richardson
Thos. Marble
Alex^{r}. Scammell
Saml. Treat
Joshua Bently

Engine N°. 2 — 9 Men
Nathl. Brown Master
Gibbins Sharp
Saml. Brown
John Bovey
Thos. Atkins
Martin Gay
John Prince
W^{m}. Brown
Jethro Furber

Engine N°. 3 — 8 Men
Elias Robinson Master
W^{m}. Burbeck
Nathl. Woodward
John Robinson
James Barnerd
W^{m}. Page
Webb Pearson
Jon^{a}. Jenkins

Engine N°. 4 — 10 Men
Joseph Putnam Master
Joseph Bradford
Giles Brewer
Thos. Urann
Isasiah Audbert
Benj^{a}. Loring
Benj^{a}. Procter
Rich^{d}. Stoper
Paul Baxter
John Perkins

Engine N°. 5 — 11 Men
Thos. Reed Master
Saml. Hollowell
Brack Read
Joseph Baxter
Thos. Palfry
John Holland
Thos. Salter
John Peck
Dinely Wing
Thos. Read Junr.
James Read Junr.

Engine N°. 6 — 10 Men
John Brown Master
Peter Cumber
Jabez Serl
John Popkins
Nicholas Tabb

Josiah Gains
Robert Bonynge
James Ridgway Junr.
W^{m}. Homer
Michael Homer

Engine N°. 7 — 13 Men
W^{m}. Sutton Master
Zeph^{h}. Bassett
Peter Roberts
W^{m}. Frost
Gawen Brown
Isaac Tuckerman
Adino Paddock
W^{m}. Flagg
[64.] Jonathan Rogers
John Bulfinch
James Cocks
Barth^{o}. Sutton
John Laughton

Engine N°. 8 — 11 Men
James Cunningham Master
David Wheeler
Jerim^{h}. Stimpson
Eph^{r}. Greene
Benj^{a}. Wheeler
Henry Evans
Obadiah Curtiss
Moses Bastow
John Bennet
Saml. Wheeler
Joseph Eliot

Engine N°. 9 — 14 Men
Solomon Kneeland Master
Stephen Greenleaf
Jon^{a}. Stimpson
Samuel Franklyn
John Mellage
Eben^{r}. Topliff
Joseph Wheeler
Samuel Harris
John Fenno
Thos. Greenleaf
Thos^{s}. Wheeler
Stephen Wales
Rich^{d}. Honeywell
John Halding

A List of the aforenamed Persons being returnd to his Excell^{y}

the Governer by his Order He under wrote their Return as follows Viz^{t}.

Province of the Massachusetts Bay } By his Excellency Thomas Pownall Esqr. Capt. General Governer & Commander in Chief in & over S^{d}. Province

Whereas the Persons named in the afore written List are Appointed by the Selectmen of the Town of Boston to take Care of, Manage & Work the Several Water Engines in Said Town at any time that Fire may Break out there, and it being reported to me that all Such Persons have always been excused from all Military duty as well as from Serving in any Office, & application having been made to me on their behalf, I have Considerd of the Necessity & usefulness of Such men at all fires, and do therefore hereby Excuse all Said Men whose Names are in the aforewritten List during Such time only as they shall belong to S^{d}. Engines from all Military duty required by the Laws of this Province, Excepting that they be at all times Equipped [**65.**] and Furnished with Arms Ammunition & according to Law & that they also appear according to Law whenever an Alarm shall be made — This to Continue in force untill I shall otherwise Order —— T. POWNALL

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Apr. 12th. 1758. Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

On the 11th. Instant George Gooding Master of the Sloop Prosperous reports that he Saild from Halifax Saturday last that the last night He was Stopd at the Castle on Account of the Small Pox, that He brought no Cargo & but one Passenger, Capt. Procter with dispatches from the Government — Voted that He come to Town with his Vessell.

Edward Colliter Master of the Schooner Young Eagle reports that he Saild from Halifax Nine days past that yesterday he was Stopd at the Castle on account of the Small Pox, that He brought nothing in his Vessell but Ballast that He brought with him a Woman Passenger named Ether Evans who was Carried down to Halifax by Capt. Metcalfe that she had been on board of a Man of War, that he brought with him five men who went down there in the Hertford Privateer — Voted that He come to Town with his Vessell.

On the 10th. Instant Robert McCown Master of the Sloop Endeavour reports that he has been from Halifax Sixteen days, that he was brought to at the Castle on Account of the Small Pox that He brought up no Cargo that he brought with him two men, as Passengers, who are Traders — Voted that he come to Town with his Vessell.

On the 18th. Instant Sent to the Alms House on the Province Account by two of the Selectmen & one Overseer the following Women & Children, who were left at the Castle by Col^{o}. Lawrances Battallion of Royal Americans to which they belongd Viz^{t}. Hannah Perry & two Children Mariah Thomson & one Child, Mary Walker, Mary Dry [**66.**] and one Child Rebeckah Cave & Nicholas Passman.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Apr. 19th. 1758 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Hewes Scollay & Austin.

This day Sent to the Alms House on the Province Account by two Selectmen & One Overseer, the following Women & Children who were left in the Town by Colo. Lawrences Battallion of Royall Americans to which they belonged Vizt. Agnes Holles & two Children, Mary Cole and one Child Mary Asher & two Children, Elizabeth Modd & one Child, & Dorothy Peers — Sent Joseph Mooney a Stranger to the Alms House on the Province Accot.

Jonathan Chandler Master of the Sloop Rachel Reports that He left Halifax the 14th. Instant that he has no Cargo on Board brought up no Passengers but two Sailors that he was Stopd Last night at the Castle on Account of the Small Pox — Voted that he come to Town with his Vessell

On the 15th. Instant Sent to the Alms House on the Province Accot. by two Selectmen & one Overseer, Jannet Ware an Infant Child belonging to Daman Ware a Soldier in Colo. Frasers Regiment of Highlanders, whose Wife being dead & no Person to take Care of the Child & not being able to maintain it himself Left it in the Town.

Mr. Abiah Holbrook desired Liberty to frame a Small Building on the Common near his House — Voted that he have liberty taking Care to Clear away the Chips that may be made as soon as the Frame is finished.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Apr. 24th. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Assize of Bread Set as Wheat at 4/6 P bushl. 4d. Alld. for Charges.

The Selectmen having on the 7th. Instant Appointed Master to the Several Fire Engines in Town, the Companys [67.] to them respectively belonging, do now agree that Orders of the following Tenor be given to them for their Government and Regulation (here Enter the Orders) — which Orders shall be of the following dates ——

Thomas Reed & Company	April 10th.
Nathl. Brown & Co. - - - - - -	11
Thomas Bently & Co. - - - - - -	12
Solomon Kneeland & Co. - - - - -	13
John Brown & Co. - - - - - - -	14
William Sutton & Co. - - - - - -	15
Joseph Putnam & Co. - - - - - -	17
James Cunningham & Co. - - - - - -	18
Elias Robinson & Co. - - - - - -	19

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Apr. 26th. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw, Jackson, Cushing Hewes & Scollay.

Mr. Ephraim Copeland waited on the Selectmen & Informd them that he had for some time Hierd of Mr. John Welsh the Shop which he Occupies belonging to the Town and as Mr. Welch is about giving it up, he desires he may have it of the Town.

Sent to the Alms House on the Province Accot. Jennet Fraser

an Infant Child left by a soldier belonging to Col°. Frasers Regim^{t}., at the House of John Adams Joiner.

Complaint being made by the Firewards to the Selectmen that the Engine of which John Brown is Master, was in Such Poor order at the late Fire by Capt. Childs, that it was not Capeable of being Improved, M^{r}. Williston is Orderd to desire M^{r}. Brown to meet the Selectmen at their Room this day Sevenight.

M^{r}. Solomon Kneeland Master of the Engine No. 9 at the South End Applyd for the Premium as his Engine was the first at the Fire that lately Broke out near to Deacon Hills Distill House — Voted that he have a draft for the Same the Next draft day.

[68.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 3^{d}. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw Hewes Scollay & Austin.

On the 1st. Instant Nicholas French Master of the Schooner John, Reports that He left Halifax this day Week that he arrivd of the Castle on Saturday last & was there Stopd on acco^{t}. of the Small Pox, that he has on board Eleven Tuns of Logwood that he took no other goods of any Kind on board that he brought with him ten passengers belonging to this Town, that they brought nothing with them but the Cloathing on their backs — Voted that He come to Town with his Vessell.

On the 2^{d}. Inst^{t} Benj^{a}. Clark Master of the Schooner Patience reports that he left Halifax last Fryday that He has no Cargo on board & brought no Passengers with him that this day he Arrivd off the Castle & was there Stopd on Acco^{t}. of the Small Pox — Voted that he come to Town with his Vessell.

On the 29th of April Saml. Crocker Master of the Sloop Industry reports that he left New York the 17th of April that he took no Cargo on board his Vessell & has no goods of any Kind liable to any Infection that he was this day Stopd at Castle William on Acco^{t}. of the Small Pox.—Voted that He come to Town with his Vessell.

Gawen Brown Informs the Selectmen that he has taken into his Service John Cross Smith, a young man a Watch Maker who came a Passenger with Capt. Partridge from London.

Nathl. Winslow Master of the Sloop Phenix reports that he left Halifax the 28th. Ult°. that he has no Cargo on board nor any thing liable to Infection, are all well on board brought no Passengers, arrivd of the Castle last Evening and was there Stopd on Account of the Small Pox — Voted that He come to Town with his Vessell.

[69.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 10th. 1758 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

John Preston Applyd to the Selectmen for Liberty to Fence in the East part of the Fortification to Keep his Cow in — Voted that he have Liberty He Keeping the Fence in repair.

Whereas Strangers are often comeing into this Town, & Stay here some time before they are discovered & it being difficult to determine whether they have ever been Legally Warned out of the

Town — It is therefore Voted that Mr. Goldthwait be desired to prepare an Alphabetical List of all the Persons that have been warned for Ten years Last past.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 15th. 1758 — Present Henshaw Jackson Cushing Austin.

Edwd. Calto Master of the Schooner Young Eagle reports that He left Halifax yesterday Senight was Stopd yesterday at the Castle on Accot. of the Small Pox being at Halifax that he has no Cargo on board nor any goods of any kind liable to Infection, that he brought with him two Passengers. Timothy Clark & George Dyke belonging to Casco Bay — Voted that He come to Town with his Vessell.

Mr. John Downe desired Liberty to Open a Drain before his Shop — Voted that he have Liberty, he taking Care to have the pavement over Said Drain repaired.

[70.] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen May 17th. 1758 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Hewes, Scollay.

Docter Thomas Austin applyd for Liberty to Open a Drain in Milk Street — Voted that he have leave.

John Ranstead hierd the Herbage of the South Burying grounds for One year at three pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence p Annum.

Wm. Gowen Master of the Schooner Merrimack Reports that he left Halifax on Monday last, that he has nothing on board but Ballast, that he has one Passenger Mr. Steward a Gentleman belonging to Halifax who is come on Business that there is nothing in his Vessell liable to any Infection, that he was Stopd Last Night at the Castle on accot. of the Small Pox being at Halifax — Voted that He come to Town with his Vessell.

Benja. Lurvy Master of the Schooner three Sisters reports that he left Halifax last Monday Senight that he is in his Ballast that he has no goods on board that he has brought up one Passenger Edwd. Fudge of this Town, that his People are all well that He was last Night Stopd at the Castle on acct. of the Small Pox being at Halifax — Voted that he come to Town with his Vessell.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 24th. 1758 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing Hewes & Austin.

Capt. Thomas Dingly Master of the Sloop Swan reports that he came from Halifax the 20th. Instant that he has not any thing on board but Ballast that he brought four Passengers Nathl. Barrel of Boston [71.] Joseph Owen Mr. Newcomb & Mr. Fessenden of Brantry that he has nothing on board liable to Infection, that He was stopd this Morning at the Castle on Susspician of having the Small Pox on board — Voted that He have liberty to Come to Town with his Vessell.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 24th. 1758 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Hewes Jackson Scollay Austin.

Voted that Mr. Williston warns a free Negro that now Lives

with John Ballard to attend the Selectmen the next Monday ——

Voted that Enquiry be made by Mr. Cushing & Mr. Austin concerning a Negroe man which the late Mrs. Leah Otis has freed, also a Negroe man belonging to William Wheeler deceased.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 25th. 1758 Present Henshaw Cushing Scollay & Austin.

Dudly Jones Master of the Schooner Fair Lady Reports that he left Halifax last Saturday on a Voyage to Philadela. for a Load of Provissions for the use of Adml. Boscawens Fleet, on Monday last his Vessell began to Leak so much that he was Obliged to put away for this Port & was Last Night Stopd at the Castle on Accot. of the Small Pox being in Halifax that he has nothing in his Vessell but Ballast, & Intends to Stay here no longer then to Stop the Leak in his Vessel & then proceed on his Voyage — Voted that he come to Town with his Vessell.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 29th. 1758 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Hewes Cushing Scollay & Austin.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat 4/6 p bushl. 4d. all.d. for Charges.

Capt. Stephen Hall applyd for Liberty to Open a Drain in Middle Street near the Mill Bridge, Voted that he have Leave.

[72.] Voted that Mr. Adams warn out Phobe a Negro Woman lately belonging to Major Jenner in Charlestown now Married to a Free Negro man by the name of Jack Hasey who works with John Ballard Wharfinger.

Agreed with Messrs. Green & Russell for the Printing of the By Laws of the Town, they are by agreement to Print three Hundred for Six pounds Lawfull Money they are to Sell the Same to the Inhabitants of the Town at the rate of Eight pence p Peice & are to Keep an exact Accot. of of the Sale & as soon as the Same is Compleated they are to Settle with & pay the Town Treasurer.

Mr. James Cunningham Master of Engine No. 8 Applyd for a Premium for being the first Engine at the Fire that Broke out the 10th. Instt. at Mr. Coffins Distill House near Essex Street — Voted that he have a draft for the Same.

James McDaniel is Appointed a Watchman at the South Watch House in the room of Ebenezer Winburne.

Edmund Herryman Master of the Schooner Susannah reports that he left Halifax last Sabbath day that he has no Cargo on board that he brought with him as Passengers Michael Burke Cornelius Duggin a Mr. Dorathy all of this Town that they brought up in the Vessell a Number of Sheep Skins that he arrivd this day & was Stopd at the Castle on Account of the Small Pox — Voted that the Sheep Skins be Sent down to Hospital Island & there delivered to Mr. Hartly to be Aird and that the Vessell be permitted to Come up to Town.

The Schooner Dolphin Robt. Wyer Master bound from New York to New foundland put into this Harbour the last Night was Stopd at the Castle on Accot. of the Small Pox being in New

York, the Master being Sick Mr. Nathl. Bethune Owner of Sd. Schooner waited on the Selectmen & Informed them that he proposed she should come up to Town & perhaps may here unload that her Cargo consists [73.] of Bread & Flour that there is nothing on board Liable to any Infection — Voted that the Vessell Come up to Town.

Voted that his Excellency be desired to take off the restraint that is now upon Vessells from passing the Castle that may Arrive from New York, as we are Informed that that the City is now Clear of the Small Pox.

Capt. Trefry Master of the Schooner Sea Flower Reports, that that he left Halifax the last Sabbath day, that this Morning he arrived in this Harbour & was Stopd at the Castle on Acct. of the Small Pox that he has no Cargo on board, nor any goods Liable to Infection, that he has brought up Seven Passengers, Vizt. Robert Murdock a Docter in the Army for his health; Thos. Knowlton of Ipswich, Edwd. Barry Cleard from a man of War; Mrs. Whitten belongs to Halifax Came up to see her Friends, Timothy Rendall belongs up Country Mrs. Christy Brown going to Albany to Her Husband, Elizs. Girott of Halifax, that the above Passengers brought with them no goods Liable to Infection — Voted that He come to Town with his Vessell.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 7th. 1758 Present Messrs. Jackson, Hewes, Scollay, Austin, Oliver.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 14th. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw, Jackson, Hewes, Cushing, Scollay & Austin.

Whereas the By Laws of the Town have been lately revised & reprinted, that the Same may be duly put in execution — Voted that Mr. Abijah Adams & Mr. Thos. Williston, be and hereby are appointed to take Notice of any Person or Persons who are guilty of the Breach of any of the Aforenamed Laws, & to prossecute to Effect the Offenders.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 21st. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw, Jackson, Cushing, Scollay, Austin & Oliver.

[74.] Roger McKnight Applyd for Liberty to Open a Drain (on Accot. of Mr. Henry Gibbs) from the House of the late Treasurer Wadsworth, near Black Horse Lane Liberty is granted, provided he makes the Street good & Sufficient again.

Ebenr. Cocks Master of the Sloop Falmouth reports that He left Halifax the 10th. Instant, that he arrivd off the Castle last Evening was Stopd there on Accot. of the Small Pox, being at Halifax, that he has no Cargo on board nor any goods liable to Infection, that he brought up as Passengers Saml. Gray & David Powers both of this Town — Voted that he come to Town with his Vessell.

Voted that the Vissitation of the Schools be on Wednesday the

28th. Instant & that the following Gentlemen be Invited to Accompany the Selectmen at Eight o'Clock A.M. Vizt.

His Excellency the Governer.
His Honour the Lieut. Governer.
Colo. Wendall
Brigr. Waldo
Capt. Erving
Judge Sewall
Docter Pynchon
Sectary Oliver
Saml. Wells Esqr.
Paul Mascarene Esqr.
The Representatives
The Overseers of the Poor
Docter Sewall
Docter Chauncy
Mr. Cooper
M . Eliot
Mr. Mather
Mr. Pemberton
Mr. Hancock
Wm. Dummer Esqr.
Edwd. Hutchinson Esqr.
Charles Apthorp Esqr.
Francis Borland Esqr.
Jos. Winslow Esqr.
Jos. Green Esqr.
M. Saml. Adams
Mr. Oxene. Thacher
Mr. Dana
Treasurer Gray
Treasurer Jeffries
Sheriff Greanleaf
Wm. Story Esqr.
Saml. Grant Esqr.
Mr. Thos. Hill

Solomon Barnes Master of the Schooner Desire reports, that he left Halifax this day Senight, that he arrived off the Castle this Morning, & was there Stopd on Acct. of Small Pox being at Halifax, that he has no Cargo on Board nor any goods Liable to Infection, that he brought up as Passengers, Benjamin Lawson & Saml. Greenough & Richd. Draper all of this Town — Voted that he Come to Town with his Vessell.

[75.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 24th. 1758 Present Messrs. Cushing.

Capt Jenkins reports that the Schooner Industry Benja. Woodward Master Came out from Halifax fourteen days past, that he has nothing on board Liable to Infection, that he brought five passengers, all of whom have had the Small Pox, that the Vessell was Stopd at the Castle on Suspicion of having the Small Pox on Board.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 25th. 1758 Present Messrs. Cushing Scollay.

Benja Homer of the Sloop Phenix reports, that he left Halifax last Friday Senight, that he arrivd off the Castle this Morning, & was there Stopd on Acct. of the Small Pox being at Halifax, that he has no Cargo on board nor any goods liable to any Infection, that he has brought up as Passengers the following Persons — Ebenr. Pillsberry John Doble, Solomon Phips, Widow Sarah Tuckerman all of this Town & John Pearson of Newbury — Voted that He come to Town with his Vessell.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 26th. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay Austin.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 4/4 p bushl. 4d Alld. for Charges.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 3d. 1758 Present Messrs. Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Nathl. Clift Master of the Schooner Success reports, that He left Halifax last Saturday Senight, that yesterday he arrived off the Castle & was there Stopd on Acct. of the Small Pox being at Halifax, that he has on board Ten Tons of Iron, three Casks of Nails, one Trunk & three Boxes of Prize Goods that the goods were not on Shore at Halifax in any Store but taken off the Wharf on board the Vessell that He [76.] Brought as Passenger Capt. Domet of this Town, Mr. Trescot of Milton & Mr. Arnold of Newbury, that He has no goods on board by which any Infection may be Communicated — Voted that He come to Town with his Vessell.

Mathew McClane Master of the Sloop Swallow, reports that he left Halifax last Saturday Senight, that He Arrivd off the Castle yesterday, was there Stopd on Accot. of the Small Pox being at Halifax, that he has no Cargo on Board nor any thing Liable to Infection, that he brought up as Passengers John McCluer, John Ledly and James Cockran all of this Town.

Voted that he come to Town with his Vessell.

Thos. Dingly Master of the Sloop Swan, reports that He Halifax Eleven days past, that on Saturday Night he arrivd off the Castle, was there Stopd on Accot. of the Small Pox being at Halifax, that he has no Cargo on board nor anything Liable to Infection, that he brought up one Passenger Joseph Webb of this Town — Voted that he come to Town with his Vessell.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 11th. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing, Hewes, Scollay, Austin.

Capt. Benja. Hollowell Commander of the Province Ship King George, reports, that in the Prize Ship Freepon which he this day Sent into this Harbour, are a Number of French Soldiers, who are Sickly, and desires that they may be put on Shore at Ransfords Island into the Hospital for their Recovery — Voted that he have liberty to put them on Shore into the Hospital, He paying

the Charge of Supporting them while there, and that Mr. Hartly be directed to receive them Accordingly.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 12th. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Hewes Cushing Scollay & Austin.

[77.] John Lord with his Wife Hannah came into this Town yesterday being the 11th. Instant from Albany, by Land, he is a Sadler by Trade, He belongd to Carlile from whence he was drove by the Indians in June 1757, He went from thence to Baltimore in Maryland where he was pressed into the Service the 10th. of January last & Sent to Albany & there was discharg by Colo. Gage from whence he came to this Town.

Widdow Bailey with two or three Children from Newbury hires a House of Capt. Sigourney in School Street North End has been here two or three days, Warned out.

Whereas Master Hicks has represented that the Floor of the North School is out of Repair Voted that Mr. Scollay & Mr. Austin be a Committee to View the Same & see that it be repaird.

Whereas the Gate of the Burrying place by the Kings Chappel is out of repair — Voted that Mr. Oliver & Mr. Cushing be a Committee to get the Same repaird.

Sutton Byles applyd to the Selectmen for Liberty to Let part of the Land which he Leeces of the Town on the Neck, to the man who Improves the Wind Mill on the Neck — Voted that he have Liberty.

Application being made by the Masters of the Engines for Bucketts — Voted that Mr. Cushing Inquire the Lowest price that Leather Bucketts can be made for and report.

Timothy Tuttle Master of the Sloop Charming Ann says that he has brought with him from New Haven where he belongs, three Women Named Mary Champny Jane Silsby & Mary Appleton. Mary Chamny says She & her Child is going to Ipswich Imediately all her relatives being there, Mary Appleton is all already gone to Dedham to her relations Jane Silsby desires to tarry here as she expects her Husband Soon from Carolina, she now Lodges at Mr. McNeals near the Mill Bridge — says she is going to Service to Mr. Pelhams.

Capt. Tuttle arrivd Friday Last.

[78.] Accot. of Beds Carried to Sundry Places in the Town for the use of the Kings Troops now in the Town.

To Capt. Savages House and	50
To a House in plessant Street	75
To Dr. Gardner House	75
To Mr. Powells do.	21
To Mr. Forbes do.	20
To Mr. Cooksons do.	15
To Capt. Breeds do.	30
To Capt. Springs do.	35
To Capt. Kings do.	30
To Elder Haley do.	25
To John Walker do.	20
To Mr. Langdons do.	25

To Mr. Whites do. - - - - - - -	50
To Mr. Procters do. - - - - - - -	25
To Mr. Sigourneys do. - - - - - - -	20
To Prouts, Lyndalls Bromfields & Dafforne - -	133
To Mr. Welsh House - - - . - -	15
To Mr. McWillams do. - - - - - -	15
Beds - -	604.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 24th. 1758 Present Messrs. Jackson Hewes Scollay Austin.

Edmund Crawly Master of the Schooner Anna Maria reports that He left Halifax this day Senight, that He Arrivd yesterday off the Castle, was there Stopd on Accot. of the Small Pox being at Halifax, that he brought with him no Cargo, that he brought three Passengers who are to return again with Him — Voted that he come to Town with his Vessell.

Solomon Bangs Master of the Schooner desire reports that he left Halifax last Thursday that he arrivd this day off Castle William, was there Stopd on Account of the [79.] Small Pox being at Halifax, that he has nothing on board but Ballast has nothing Liable to Infection that he has with him two Passengers Vizt. Joseph Callender & James Wilkie — Voted that he come to Town with his Vessell.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 25th. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Thos. White Master of the Sloop Unity reports that he left Halifax the 16th. Instant & arrivd last Night off the Castle was there Stopd on Account of the Small Pox being at Halifax, that he brought with him nothing liable to any Infection & no Passengers, that they are all well on Board — Voted that he come to Town with his Vessell.

Mr. White applyd for Liberty to Open a drain at his House near Mr. Mathers Meeting House — Voted that he have Liberty, he repairing the Pavement.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 26th. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw, Jackson, Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Capt. Vernon applyd for Liberty to build a Tomb in the North Burying place — Voted that Messrs. Austin & Scollay be a Committee to direct him concerning the above.

Mr. Alexander Hunt appeard & proposed to purchase a peice of Land, adjoining to his Land near Fort Hill which the Selectmen at the last Town Meeting were Impowerd to Sell, & after some discourse concerning it, It was agreed that he shall have a Deed of Said Land paying Sixty Six pounds thirteen Shillings & four Pence, as the Consideration purchase of the Same, to which Said Hunt agreed.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 31st. 1758

Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay & Oliver.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 4/4 p. bush^{l}. 4^{d}. All^{d}. for Charges.

[80.] Voted that Messrs. Jackson Cushing & Scollay be a Committee to enquire which of the Stalls in the Market is Leased out & which not & report next Wednesday.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 1st. 1758 Present Messrs. Jackson Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Edward Calito Master of the Schooner Young Eagle reports that he left Halifax the 24th. Ult^{o}., that he arrivd last Night off Castle William, was there Stopd on Acco^{t}. of the Small Pox being in Halifax, that he has with him no Cargo nor anything liable to Infection, that he brought with him as Passenger Viz^{t}. M^{r}. John Codman — Voted that he come to Town with his Vessell.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 2^{d}. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

John Jeffries Esq. desires Liberty to break up the Pavem^{t}. in Tremont Street in order to repair his Drain — Voted that Liberty be Accordingly granted he repairing the Pavement to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen.

M^{r}. John Grant Chosen one of the Collecters for the present year appeard & proposed for his Sureties, Saml. Grant Esqr. & Capt. Fortesque Vernon — Accepted.

M^{r}. Jonathan Payson one of the Collecters of Taxes for the present year appeard & proposed for his Sureties Lieut^{t}. Jon^{a}. Cary of Boston & John Greaton of Roxbury — Accepted.

John Ruddock Chosen one of the Collecters of Taxes for the present year, Appeard & proposed for his Sureties Capt. Nathl. Greenwood & M^{r}. Caleb Parker — Accepted.

about a Fortnight past the Prize Ship Freepone brought into this Port by Capt. Hallowell, was by the Selectmen [81.] orderd below the Castle in Order to be Aird for Fear of Infection (there having been Several men who came in Her taken down with a dangerous Sickness) & Captain Hollowell having Informed the Selectmen that Said Ship is now as he thinks Sufficiently Aird, therefore the Selectmen wrote the following Order to Mr. Hartly.

Boston Augt. 2^{d}. 1758.

M^{r}. Hartly,

It is our Orders that you go on board of Capt. Hollowells Prize which now Lyes below the Castle & see that she is Sufficiently Smoaked & Cleansed & Certify the Same to us that if so she may be permitted to come up to Town.

Voted that M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries be desired as soon as any of the Stalls in Faneuil Hall Market become Vacant to Leese out the Same to any Suteable Person that offers to hier them at the Customary Rate —

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 7th. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw Hewes Cushing Scollay Austin.

Wm. Nichols Master of the Sloop three Friends reports that he left Halifax the 27th. Ulto. that he arrivd off the Castle Saturday Night last, was there Stopd on Account of the Small Pox being at Halifax, that he has no Cargo of any kind on board, that he brought no Pasengers with Him — Voted that he come to Town with his Vessell.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 9th. 1758 Present Messrs. Jackson & Scollay.

Wm. Trefry Master of the Schooner Sea Flower reports that he left Halifax the 29th. July that he arrivd off the Castle last Night was there Stopd on Accot. of the Small Pox that he has no Cargo on board nor anything Liable to any Infection that [82.] He brought with him as Passengers a Number of Persons — Voted that He come to Town with his Vessell.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 9th. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

In Consequence of the Vote of the 26th. Ulto. Messrs. Scollay & Austin Conversed with Capt. Vernon concerning a Tomb which he wanted to build in the North Burying Place & agreed that he might build it next to Captain John Larabys Tomb at the North Side of the burying place provided that he noways disturbs the Corpses that Lye Interrd near to it.

Mr. Benja. Austin reports that he has taken into his House as a Nurse Mary Appleton, who Came in Capt. Tuttle from New Haven.

Voted that Messrs. Jackson Cushing & Oliver be a Committee to Enquire into the State of the Cellers under the Town House & Let those of them that are unimproved

Capt. Wm. Clift Master of the Sloop Desire from Albany Reports that he left that Place this day Fortnight, that he was last Night Stopd of the Castle on Account of the Small Pox being there, that he has no Cargo on board nor any thing Liable to Infection, that he has as a Passenger one of the Provincial Soldiers on Furlow — Voted that he come to Town with his Vessell.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Aug 16th. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Oliver Thomas Dingly Master of the Sloop Swan, reports, that he left Halifax the 10th Instt. that he arrivd into this Harbour the last Night, that he past by the Castle between eight & nine o'clock that the Wind blew exceeding hard at N E when he past the Castle, & that he was not haild by them, as he Knew [83.] that the Small Pox was mostly out of Halifax he did Suppose that no Vessells from thence were Stopd at the Castle, that he brought up no Cargo nor any thing of any Kind Liable to Infection, that he brought up but one Passenger Mr. Benja. Green Junr. belonging to Halifax — Voted that Enquiry be made concerning the above of the officer at Castle William.

Isaac Dupee Carver desires that he may have the Towns Shop that M^{r}. John Welch Occupied on the Dock.

Whereas the Selectmen in the return made to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Suffolk on the List of Persons Licensd in this Town as Inholders & Retailers, disapproved of Mary Clapham a Retailer, who in the year past upon good Information given them, had been guilty of Misrule &c and so returnd her to Said Court, upon which return, Said Court did not allow her to return her License.

Whereupon Said Mary presented her Petition to S^{d}. Court, Setting forth that the Information given to the Selectmen relating to her being guilty of Misrule &c was without the Least Foundation, & that the Same was raised & promoted with a Malicious Intent to ruin her, & bring her, & her Family to extreem Poverty Praying she may be heard before Said Court, which Petition S^{d}. Court Sustaind & wrote the Selectmen as follows Viz^{t}.

Suffolk ss. To Joshua Henshaw & Joseph Jackson Esq^{rs}. Thos. Cushing Saml.Hewes John Scollay Benj^{a}. Austin Gentle^{n}. & Andrew Oliver Junr. Esqr. Selectmen of the town of Boston.
Gentlemen

In the Return made by you of the List of [84.] Persons Licens^{d}. in the Town of Boston the last year, as Inholders & Retailers you have returned Mary Clapham as Guilty of Misrule, but have not assignd any reason therefore, the S^{d}. Mary by her Petition to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Suffolk this day preferrd, has Suggested that she has not been guilty of any Misrule or disorders in Her House, & that the Information given to you is Intirely groundless, & that you have no Evidence to Support Such a Charge, praying she may be heard thereupon or that she may be allowd to renew her License —you therefore are desired to attend S^{d}. Court on Thursday the Seventeenth Instant, at Ten O'Clock in the forenoon when S^{d}. Court will take S^{d}. Marys Petitions into Consideration, & you may then produce Such Evidence as you may think Necessary to be heard thereupon if you See Cause otherwise the Court the Court will proceed as they shall judge proper. Dated in Boston the 15th. day of August in the 32^{d}. year of His Majesty Reign Annoq^{e}. Dom^{i}. 1758 — By Orders of Court.

Ezek^{l}. Goldthwait Clerk.

Upon receipt of the above from the Court the Selectmen met & Considerd of the Several Laws of the Province that related to Licenses, & of their power to disallow any Persons heretofore Licensed that shall appear to them to have been guilty of misrule & disorder, & thereupon apprehend that the Court of Sessions cannot by any Law Permit any Persons to renew their License, that are returnd by S^{d}. Selectmen to S^{d}. Court as guilty of Misrule & disorder, therefore determine they will not Attend Said Court but send their Answer in Writing which they did as follows. — Viz^{t}.

[85.] To the Honble. the Justices of the Court of Sessions for the County of Suffolk.

The Memorial of the Selectmen of the Town of Boston Shewith — that your Memorialists were Served with the foregoing Order, to Vindicate ourselves & our Exceptions against M^rs^. Clapham for Misrule, & to bring Evidence to Encounter the Allegations that your Honours have permitted Her to make in Court against us, for what we have done in discharge of our Office as Selectmen, on Peril of her allegations being taken for True, and her being Licensed by your Honours, not withstanding our aforesaid Exceptions & the Province Law Page 184 where it is expressly Enacted that the Clerk of the Sessions of the place in the respective Countys from time to time Annually before the granting License do Transmit to the Selectmen of every Town within the County, as a List of the names of the Persons in Such Towns, that were Licensed the year before, & that licenses be renewd to none of them that the Selectmen shall Except to, as unfit to hold and hold that Employment, by reason of their not Keeping good Order & good Rules in their Houses &c We apprehend the Law not only Authorizes us, but makes it our duty to Enquire & Judge of the fitness of Licensed Persons, & to Except to those that in our Judgement are exceptionable, & we know of none that (Since the making of the aforesaid Act) have any Power to decide the Question, as to the fitness or unfitness of Persons to have their Licenses renewed but the Selectmen But we do not apprehend that we are warranted by Law to Point out any particuler Instances of Misconduct or Witnesses to Impeach the Candidate in any particulers—We have no Suit Petition or Cause depending before your Honours & Cannot Comprehend by what Law, [86.] We or our Judgment is to be Calld in Question before your Honours — We pay all due deference to your to your Honours & that Authority the Law has Vested this Court with, but your Honours will permit us to pay the greatest deference to the Laws and Constitution of our Country, & the discharge of the Trust reposed in us by those Laws — We have never heard of a Precedent to make Selectmen Accountable for their Judgments in their office as Respondents to the Person excepted against, nor have we yet been able to find a Law that is now in force to Countenance Such a procedure: That of the 4th. of William & Mary Chap^r^. the 6th. we apprehend is repeated so far as Concerns the pressent Question, by the impart recited Act, & had it not been repeated, it did not extend to Such Cases, as where an Exception was made, & even in that the Citation gave a Months Notice for the Selectmen to Object, not Answer and prove at a Short warning as in the present Case — We therefore beg Leave to remonstrate against the Establishment of Such a Precedent as seems now Attempted, & against the Licensing of M^rs^. Clapham against our Exeeption, & the Law before recited and as we are Satisfied our Exception was well founded, & that and that we can Easily prove the Same, but that it would be of dangerous Consequence, & destructive to that good Order, that Law Intended to preserve, to go into an Altercation with Her before your Honours or Elsewhere.

We hope your Honours will Excuse us from making any answer

to this Petition, & of all others of the like Kind for the Future, We are with great respect to your Honours —Your Humble Serv^{ts}.

Selectmen { JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
THO^{S}. CUSHING
SAM^{L}. HEWES
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJ^{A}. AUSTIN
AND^{R}. OLIVER JUN^{R}. }

[87.] Upon Inquiry made by the Selectmen, the Clerk of the Court of Sessions Informd them that their Answer afores^{d}. was read in S^{d}. Court, & that the S^{d}. Mary Clapham by Council was fully heard thereupon, & after a Long debate in Court, a Question was put, whether the Court, upon the answer made by the Selectmen as a foresaid would allow the Said Mary Clapham to renew Her License, and that It passed in the Negative by a verry great majority, & thereupon Her Petition was dismissed.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 23^{d}. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing Scollay Austin.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 26th. 1758 Present Messrs. Jackson & Scollay.

Nathan Nicholson Master of the Schooner Tryal reports that he left Halifax the 17th Instant, that he arrived off the Castle the last Night, was there Stopd on Acco^{t} of the Small Pox being at Halifax, that he has no Cargo on board nor any thing Liable to Infection, that he brought with him Six Passengers, three of which are Soldiers discharged from the Regiment & one of their Wives, one man a Trader belonging to Cambridge, & one Rogers a Lad who is come up to his Friends in this Town, that they are all in health & hearty — Voted that He come to Town with his Vessell.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 28th. 1758. Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Assize of Bread Set at Wheat at 4/4 p bush^{l}. 4^{d}. all^{d}. for charges.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 30th. 1758. Present Messrs. Henshaw, Hewes, Scollay.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t}. 2^{d}. 1758. — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay & Austin.

James Hatch Master of the Schooner Charming Molly Reports, that He left Halifax this day week that Last Night He arrivd off the Castle & was there Stopd on Acco^{t}. of the Small Pox being in Halifax, that he has on board for Cargo Mackrel in Barrells, & part of the Cargo he Carried from hence, which has not been out of the Vessel that he has no Passengers nor anything on board that is Liable to Infection, that all his People are Well — Voted that he come to Town with his Vessell.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t}. 4th. 1758.—Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay & Austin.

This day deliverd the Keys of the Town House Celler to M^{r}. John Hammock, the Rent Commences this day.

Information being given to the Selectmen that the Officers belonging to His Majestys Ship Hunter under the Command of Captain Adams, now lying in the Harbour of Nantasket, have Impressed the Skippers of two Fishing Boats, belonging to this Town, and allso one man out of a Connecticut Coaster & another out of a Piscataqua Coaster, all of whome Capt. Adams refuses to release.

Voted that the following Memorial and Representation thereof be Presented to his Excellency Governor Pownell Viz^{t}.

[89.] To his Excellency Thomas Pownall Esqr. Governer & Commander in Chief in & over the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England.

The Memorial & Representation of the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston.

Humbly Sheweth

That Such Persons as belong to the Fishing Boats, that Supply the Town of Boston with Fresh Fish, and such as belong to the Coasting Vessells that Supply S^{d}. Town with grain Wood and other Necessarys of Life, have all ways been protected from being Impressd on board any of his Majestys Ships of War that have at any time been here & when Such Persons have been Impressed the Captains of the Ships of War, have upon Application made, released them, as soon as they have had Notice thereof, but your Memorialists would now represent to your Excell^{y} that they have been Informd that on Saturday last, one M^{r}. Blake who has been Skipper of a Fishing Boat three years past, & Constantly Employd himself that time in Supplying the Inhabitants of this Town with Fresh Fish, was Impressd, taken out of his Boat & Carried on board his Majestys Ship Hunter Commanded by — Adams Esq^{e}. lying in Nantasket Harbour, that application has been made to Capt. Adams for his release, but He refuses to discharge him, & Intends as your Memorialists apprehend to Carry him away that Capt. Adams has allso Impressd one man out of a Conecticut Coaster, & another out of a Piscataqua Coaster, & this day has taken a Shipper out of another Fishing Boat belonging to this Town, all of which Capt. Adams detains on Board — Now So it is may it please your Excellency, that if Capt. Adams will not release the Persons Impressd as a foresaid and will Continue to Impress Persons under their Circumstances, it will and Indeed already has, so greatly discouraged & Intimidated the Coasters & Fishermen whose only business is to Supply the Town with the Necessarys of Life that they will not Proceed, [90.] but be wholly Stopd, & as this is the Season of the year for Supplying the Town with Wood & Grain &c untill some method is taken to prevent Impressing of Coasters & Fishermen the Town will Soon be reduced to great distress.

Your Memorialists must therefore Intreat your Excellencys Consideration of the Premisies, & that you will be pleased to Interpose in this affair of so great Consequence to the Town, by exerting your Endeavours to get the aforesaid Persons that are Impressd, dischargd from Capt. Adams & that He would give Orders to his Officers not to Impress any men for the Future belonging to Fishermen, Coasters & such Vessels as are constantly employd in Supplying the Town with the Necessarys of Life, or that you'l otherwise releave the Towns as in your great Wisdom you shall think best —

Sep^{t}. 4th. 1758. JOSHUA HENSHAW, JOSEPH JACKSON, THO^{S}. CUSHING, JOHN SCOLLAY, BENJ^{A}. AUSTIN } Selectmen of Boston.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t}. 5th. 1758 — Present Messrs. Henshaw, Jackson, Hewes, Cushing Scollay & Austin.

The Selectmen being Informd that Several Regiments of his Majestys Troops from Louisbourg are Expected in this Town in their way to Albany, & as it will be necessary that some Provision should be made for them in Order to prevent disturbences in the Town, & as the Law which Impowers the Selectmen to make Provissions in Such Cases is expired, therefore Voted, that a Memorial be presented to the Governer & Councill, to take this affair into their Consideration, & do what in their great Wisdom they may Judge [**91.**] will best preserve the Peace of the Town and prevent the disorder they may otherways be thrown into.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t}. 6th. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Austin.

Nathl. Wheelwright Esqr. Applyd for Liberty to open a Drain in Atkinson Street

Voted that he have leave.

Capt. James Dalton & Jos. Wheeler applyd for Liberty to Open a drain in Orange street at the South End — Voted that he have leave.

John Odam desires Liberty to Erect a Wind Mill upon the Land belonging to the Town Leased to Sutton Byles.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t}. 9th. 1758. Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing Hewes Oliver.

The Selectmen received a letter from Capt. Larraby Comm^{r}. of Castle William Informing them that He Stopd a Vessell from Halifax Master, Jonathan Harvey Master with one man on board Sick of the Small Pox & that he had orderd the Vessell to the Hospital.

Voted that M^{r}. Hartly the Keeper of the Hospital at Ransfords Island to receive the Sick man into the Hospital & to see that the Vessell is well Cleansed & that M^{r}. Hartly be directed to bring up to Town all the French Prisoners now there.

Voted that whereas the Well House on Ransford Island has been verry much damaged by Lightning, that Mr. Scollay agrees with Some Carpenter to go down to repair the Same.

Mr. Hartly reports that the Schooner whereof Jona. Harvey is Master late from Halifax, as been Sufficiently Cleansed & aird and may be brought up to Town without Indangering the Inhabitants.

Voted that Capt. Harvey have Liberty to bring up his Vessell.

[92.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sept. 25th. 1758 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 4/8 p bushl. 4d. Alld. for Charges.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 12th. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Voted that Messrs. Jackson Cushing Hewes & Scollay be a Committee to Confer with the Tenants in the Towns Shops upon the dock & Consider what Method will be but to take with respect to repairing Sd. Shops & Report Wednesday next.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 13th. 1758 Present Henshaw Cushing & Austin.

This day let the Celler under the Town House to Colonel Leonard Jarvis, & deliverd the Key to Joseph Jackson Truckman.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 17th. 1758. Present Messrs. Jackson Hewes Cushing Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Mr. Hartly represented to the Selectmen that Mary Hills & her two Children who have been Confined at the Hospital were well & fit to depart from the Island therefore.

Voted that the following Order be given to Mr. Hartly.

Boston 17th. October 1758.

Mr. Thos. Hartly

When Mary Hills & her two Children who have been Confined some time at the Island on Accot. of the Small Pox, are Sufficiently Cleansed & fit to Leave the Island then let them depart, they Satisfying you for your Trouble & Expence.

[93.] Boston ss At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 18th. 1758 — Present Messrs. Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin Oliver.

— The Selectmen being Informed that a Prossecution is Engaged in by Major Jackson against Several Carts for Incomoding Dock Square — Voted that he at the Charge of the Town Mr. Pratt to Join with Mr. Thacher who is Kings Attorney in the Affair.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 5/ p bushl. 4d. Alld. for Charges.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 25th. 1758 — Present Messrs. Henshaw, Cushing, Hewes, Scollay, Austin.

Application being made by M^{r}. Holbrook Master of the South Writing School for some repairs of the Wood House belonging to the School — Voted that Capt. Henshaw and Capt. Hewes be a Committee to see what is Necessary to be done in the above & get it perfected ——

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 30th. 1758 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 1st. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Voted that M^{r}. Baily who now Lives in Capt. Springs House near the North Latin School & came some time past from Newbury be orderd to depart the Town & that M^{r}. Adams takes Care that this Order be executed.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 8th. 1758 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson. Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

[94.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 18th. 1758 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Application being made to the Selectmen that Rowl^{d}. Marchant a Lad left at the Hospital at Ransfords Island some time past on Acco^{t}. of the Small Pox may Leave the Island — Voted that the following Order be Sent to M^{r}. Hartly ——

Boston Novr. 18th. 1758.

M^{r}. Thos. Hartly

Whereas Rowland Marchant a Lad who was put on Shore at the Hospital on Ransfords Island some time past by Capt. Thacher is now recoverd from the Small Pox, it is our Orders that you let Him depart from the Island first taking Care that you are Satisfied as to your Charge & Trouble.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 22^{d}. 1758 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 5/ p bush^{l}. 4^{d}. allowd for Charges.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 27th. 1758 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 29th. 1758 Present Messrs Henshaw, Jackson, Cushing, Scollay & Austin.

Voted that Messrs. Cushing Scollay & Austin be a Comm^{ee} to See what is Necessary to be done to the Towns Shop at the head of the Dock lately Occupied by Widow Butler & to report what Rent is reasonable for M^{r}. Edwd. Jackson to pay for S^{d}. Shop, He having from the Selectmen the Refusal of it.

[**95.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 13th 1758 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

M^{r}. Ephraim Langdon at the desire of the Selectmen Attended, & they having Informed him of the Town Vote passd in March last, that an Assistant be procured to M^{r}. Wiswall Master of the North Grammer School, & proposing to M^{r}. Langdon, whether He would Undertake to Officiate at S^{d}. School as an Assistant to M^{r}. Wiswall. He said that he had had some Conversation with M^{r}. Wiswall Concerning it, who Expressd His desire that M^{r}. Langdon might be with him, and thereupon M^{r}. Langdon Informd the Selectmen he was verry willing to be an Assistant at S^{d}. School — the Selectmen then Agreed with him to pay him at the rate of Sixty Pounds Lawful Money p Annum and desired that He would give his Attendance at the School tomorrow.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 20th. 1758 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 5/ p bush^{l}. 4^{d}. All^{d}. for Charge.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 27th 1758 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Scollay Austin and Oliver.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{ry}. 10th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing & Austin.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{ry}. 17th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

[**96.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{ry}. 23^{d}. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Susannah Mills Wife of Willm. Mills Marriner Informs that she has let a Room in her House in Fish Street, to one Carrol who came from the Eastward, ten days Since, with his Wife & four Children, is a Cooper by Trade, & M^{rs}. Mills believes He is in pretty Low Circumstances.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{ry}. 28th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 5/ p bush^{l}. & 4^{d}. All^{d}. for Charge.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb^{ry}. 28th. 1759 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay Hewes Austin & Oliver.

James Cunningham Master of one of the Fire Engines Informd the Selectmen, that he Workd his Engine first at a Fire that Broke out at M^{r}. Johnson Jacksons House a few weeks Since & desired the Premium allowd by the Town, — Voted that S^{d}. Cunningham have a draft for the Premium being 13/4 Lawful Money.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ma^{r}. 7th. 1759 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin.

Voted that the Town Clerk Issue a Warrant for Calling a Town Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers &c as the Law directs to be on Monday the 12th. Instant at 9 o'Clock A.M.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ma^{r}. 14th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin Oliver.

[97.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 21st. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 5/ p bush^{l}. & 4^{d}. All^{d}. for Charges.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ma^{r}. 25th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay Hewes Austin & Oliver.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ma^{r}. 28th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ap^{r}. 4th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Gideon Gardner desires to hier the House & Land on Boston Neck belonging to the Town lately Leased to M^{r}. Hugh McDonnel, whose Term expired the 25th. of March last S^{d}. Gardner will Lease it for Seven years — Mem^{o}. M^{r}. McDonnel gave £16 — p Annum.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ap^{r}. 11th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw, Jackson, Cushing, Hews, Scollay Austin.

The Engine House at the Dock being out of repair — Voted that M^{r}. Scollay, get it repaird.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ap^{r}. 18th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing, Hewes, Scollay & Austin.

Assise of Bread Set at Wheat 5/ p bush^{l}. 4^{d}. Allowd for Charges.

[98.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ap^{r}. 23^{d}. 1759 — Present Messrs. Jackson Cushing Hewes, Scollay & Austin.

This day Let the North Burying ground to Mr. Nathl. Holmes for him to pay three pounds La. Money P Ann: He to Keep the Fence (Saving the Posts) in good repair & to Leave it in the Same manner.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Apr. 25th. 1759. Present Messrs. Henshaw, Jackson, Cushing, Hewes Scollay, Austin & Oliver.

This day the Selectmen agreed with Gideon Gardner for the Hier of the House & Land on the Neck belonging to the Town, & that Sd. Gardner have a Lease of the Same for Seven years, to Commence the 25th. of March Last at the Annual Rent of Sixteen Pounds p Annum, Sd. Gardner to pay the Taxes, put on Fifteen Load of Dung each year, Keep the Same in good repair & deliver it up so, and give Bond for performing this Agreement.

James Mackmillon Informd that he has taken into His House one Samuel Hall from Medford Came to Town the 8th. Instant, is told that his Circumstances are good.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Apr. 30th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson, Cushing Scollay Austin.

Nathl. Brown Master of Engine No. 2 Applyd for the Premium Allowed by the Town for being first at the Fire which broke out at Widow Sears's House & Barn in Charter Street — Voted that he have a draft upon the Treasurer for the Premium being Thirteen Shillings & four pence.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 4th. 1759 — Preseut Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Mr. Wm. Sutton Master of Engine Engine No. 7 Applyd for the Premium [99.] Allowed by the Town for being with the Engine the first at the Fire that broke out at Mr. Thos. Walker, near to the Alms House — Voted that Mr. Sutton have a Draft on the Treasurer for the Premium being Thirteen Shillings & 4d.

Mr. John Brown Master of Engine No. 6 Applyd for the Premium Allowed by the Town for being with his Engine the first at the Fire that broke out, at the House of Mr. Timothy Fitch at New Boston. Voted that Mr. Brown have a draft on the Treasurer for thirteen Shillings & 4d.

The Selectmen having received the Precept for the Choice of Suteable Persons to Represent the Town at the Great & General Court to be held at Boston the 30th. Instant. Agrees that the Inhabitants be Assembled for that Purpose on Tuesday the 15th. Instant at Nine o'Clock in the Forenoon, & the Town Clerk is directed to issue his Warrant Accordingly for a Town Meeting on that day.

Voted that the Revd. Mr. Mather Byles be desired to Pray with the Town at their Meeting on Tuesday the 15th. Instant & that Mr. Henshaw & Mr. Cushing wait upon Him for Said Purpose.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 9th. 1759 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay Austin & Oliver

Capt. Jeremiah Pote brought James Tenny & Wife & one Child from Falmouth in Casco Bay.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 15th. 1759 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Scollay Austin.

M^{r}. Joseph Putnam Master of the Engine N°. 4 Applyed for the Premium allowd by the Town to the first Engine at the Fire which broke out at M^{r}. Reas Bakehouse near to the Mill Creek Voted that the S^{d}. Putnam have [**100.**] a draft on the Town Treasurer for the Premium being thirteen Shillings & 4^{d}.

Mem°. to have William Leveret & his Wife Living on Wentworths Farm on the Neck Warned out of Town.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 23^{d}. 1759 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Hewes Oliver.

Enos How proposed to be a Retailer in His House on the Neck.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 28th. 1759 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 5th. Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin.

The Selectmen received a Precept from the Speaker of the House of Representatives, for the Choice of Suteable Persons to Represent the Town in the Great & General Court for the present year in the room of Thomas Hubbard Esqr. who is Chosen into the Councill Agreed that the Town be Assembled for that purpose on Tuesday at Eleven o'Clock the 12th. Instant in the forenoon, & that the Town Clerk Issue a Warrant for a Town on that day Accordingly.

Voted that Major Jackson & M^{r}. Oliver be a Committee to Confer with the Abutters of that part of Cross Street that Leads into back Street respecting the paving the Same as also to make a Calculation of what it will Cost the Town to pave their part and report at the next Meeting.

[**101.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 6th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Assize of Bread Set as Wheat at 5/ p bush^{l}. 4^{d}. All^{d}. for Charges.

to Inquire of M^{r}. Adams relating M^{r}. Cloughs Maid.

M^{r}. Dupee the Carver has taken in a French deserter from Canada.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 14th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw, Jackson Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Whereas there is Considerable Work to be done this year on Boston Neck, & the Free Negroes of the Town have been for Several years exempted from any duty, therefore it was Some time past Voted that they be Orderd to attend the Selectmen, & on this day the following Negroes Attended Bristol Jeffries who will

do what work He is orderd to do — Pompey Blackman who agrees to pay half a doll^{r}. p day for so many days as he shall be orderd — Liecester Black ditto — Dick Tynge to pay half a dollar as above — David Primus ditto — Homer Blackadore Sickly.

Voted that Capt. Hewes M^{r}. Cushing & Mr Austin be a Committee to agree with some Master of a Vessell bound to Louisbourg for Passages for the Soldiers Wives (left in this Town belonging to & left by Col^{o}. Burton) for so many as are Capeable of being Transported.

Voted that the Vissitation of the Schools be on Wednesday the 4th of July & the following Gentlemen be Invited to Accompany the Selectmen Eight o'Clock A.M.

M^{r}. Hubbard
Secretary Oliver
M^{r}. Hancock
D^{r}. Pynchon
the Representatives
Overseers of the Poor
D^{r}. Sewall
D^{r}. Chauncy
M^{r}. Cooper
M^{r}. Eliot
M^{r}. Chickly
M^{r}. Byles
M^{r}. Chickly Junr.
M^{r}. Nat Perkins
M^{r}. Welles
M^{r}. Grant
[102.] M^{r}. Wheelwrigt
Judge Cradock
Foster Hutchinson
M^{r}. James Otis
Treasurer Jeffries
M^{r}. Thacher
M^{r}. Henry Loyd
Rich^{d}. Clark
M^{r}. Trollet
M^{r}. Hill
Nich^{o}. Boylston
Deacon Tyler
M^{r}. Swift
Capt. Hammock
M^{r}. Vassall
D^{r}. Noyes
Deacon Salter
M^{r}. Savage

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 20th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Hewes Cushing Scollay & Austin

Solomon Kneeland Master of Engine N°. 9 Applyd for Six Pails for his Engine those that he had some years past being quite use-

less — Voted that Mr. Kneeland purchase Six wooden Pails & get them painted to preserve them from decaying.

This day agreed with Mr. Saml. Sumner to Supply the Town with all the Gravel the Selectmen may want to Compleat the Pavement that is Still to be finished on the Neck, & for Repairing the Sides of the Way, or for any other purpose that it may be wanted for on any part of the Neck for which he is to be paid Eight Shillings old tenor p Load

Mr. Roger Lobb Applyd for a Licence He having removed from his House in Fish Street to a House at three doors distance — Mrs. Ruby & Mrs. Hudson two retailers Object to the House he removes to as it is verry nigh them that a Licensed House is not there wanted.

Nathl. Breed Informs that he has Let a House to Capt. Adam McNeal a Stranger as p Information on File.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 25th. 1759 Present Messrs. Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin Oliver.

Voted that Capt. James Cunningham have a Premium for his Engine being the first at the Fire that Broke out lately at Solo. Kneeland he having made Application for it.

[**103.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 27th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay Austin & Oliver.

This day Docter Thomas Mather Practitioner in Physick and Surgery of Pomfret, waited on the Selectmen with the Revd. Dr. Mather of this Town, & Informd them, that he was come into the Town for the recovery of his Health & Mr. Mather offerd the Selectmen Sufficient Security if required.

On this day the Selectmen according to their Vote Attended the Vissitation of the Schools Accompanyd by the following Gentlemen Viz

The Honble. Saml. Willes Esqr.
John Wheelwright Esqr.
Thos. Hancock Esqr.
Royal Tyler Esqr.
John Phillips Esqr.
Mr. Isaac Walker
Ebenr. Storer Esqr.
Mr. John Tudor
Mr. Wm. Phillips
James Pitts Esqr.
Thos. Flucker Esqr.
James Otis Esqr.
Belcher Noyes Esq
Dr. Nathl. Perkins
Capt. John Hancock
Mr. Thos. Hill
Mr. Isaac Smith
Mr. Benja. Dolbeare
Malatiah Bourne Esqr.

Rev^{d}. D^{r}. Sewall
M^{r}. Eliot
M^{r}. Cooper
George Cradock Esqr.
Foster Hutchinson Esqr.
Richard Clark Esqr.
Saml. Grant Esqr.
M^{r}. Oxenbridge Thacher
M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries
M^{r}. Thos. Tyler
M^{r}. Samuel Swift
M^{r}. Alex^{r}. Chamberlain
Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Byles

And they found the North Grammer School, the North Writing School, the South Grammer School, the Writing School in Queen Street the Writing School in the Common with the Scholars all in good Order.

[**103.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 11th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Hewes Cushing Scollay Austin & Oliver

Voted that Thirteen pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence be allowed towards Paving that part of Cross Street that Leads from Middle Street into back Street.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 25th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Austin.

Whereas Sherman Lewis of the Schooner Sybell from Connecticut has brought M^{rs}. Buck a Passenger and never reported Her at the Import Office, Agreeable to Law — Voted that M^{r}. Adams be directed to Seek out M^{r}. Sherman Lewis when he returns from Connecticut and direct him to Attend upon the Selectmen as soon after his Arrival as possible.

Saml. Welles Esqr. Informed the Selectmen that he has Let a House to one Michael Hugo Frazier as p^{r}. Information on File.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 30th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

This day the Selectmen Certified M^{r}. Thomas Hartlys Acco^{t}. for two years Salary due to him from the Province Viz^{t}. from the 25th. of March 1757 to the 25th of March last being at the rate of Thirteen pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence p. Annum, & allso for Seven Cord of Wood due to him in the year 1758 and Seven Cord of Wood more for the present year the whole Acco^{t}. being £37 — 8 — Lawful Money.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 5/4 p bush^{l}. 4^{d}. All^{d}. for Charges.

[**104.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 1st. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Voted that M^{r}. Samuel Adams have a draft for his Prem^{m}. for

the year 1757 He having produced the Several Treasurers Receipts for the Money he was Impowered to Collect for Said year.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 8th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jsckson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

The Selectmen took into Consideration the Value of the Land belonging to the Town of Boston adjoining to the Land of Solomon Kneeland formerly belonging to his Father, the Selectmen being Commissiond by the Town to make Sale of Said Land, do Set the Value of it at £33 — 6 — 8 Lawfull Money — Voted that if M^{r}. Kneeland will give that Sum for it, that the Selectmen will execute a deed to Him for it.

Voted that Messrs. Jackson & Scollay be a Committee to get the bounds within the Posts at the Entry of the Market to the Westward Enlarged & that two Rails with Posts be put at the East end of the Market to prevent the Carts & Trunks Incomoding the Entry into the Market that way & that M^{r}. Adams & M^{r}. Williston be desired daily to Attend & see that the Carts that Stop to Sell their Wares in the Square do Move around the Market Close to the Rails on the North Side.

Boston ss. At a Meetiug of the Selectmen Augt. 15th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Hewes Scollay and Austin.

[**105.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 22^{d}. 1759 — Present Messrs. Jackson Cushing Scollay Henshaw Austin.

Voted that M^{r}. Abijah Adams & Thomas Williston be appointed to See that the late By Law respecting the Market be put in Execution & to prosecute all offenders.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 22^{d}. 1759 — Present Messrs. Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin.

Sent to the Alms House on the Province Acco^{t}. Thomas McDonald he not being an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, He came from Guardelupe in a Vessell bound to Louisbourg, & was put on Shore at Marblehead, He has lost his hearing, was wounded at Guardalupe.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 27th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Jackson Hewes Austin & Oliver.

Assise of Bread Set at Wheat 5/4 bush^{l}. 4^{d}. All^{d}. for Charges.

Nathl. Brown Masterof Engine N°. 9 Applyd for the Premium of 13/4 allowd by the Town for working his Engine the first at the Fire that broke out at the Warehouse of Foster Hutchinson Esqr. the 28th. of June Last — Voted that he have a draft accordingly

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 28th. 1759 Present Messrs. Jackson Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Joseph Dogget Pilot Master of the Sloop Windsor Joseph Luce late Master waited on the Selectmen with M^{r}. Hartly & Informd them that S^{d}. Sloop Saild from Philadelphia the 5th. Instant

Loaded with Flour & Iron that on the 7th the Sd. Master was taken down with the Small Pox [**106.**] & died the 17th. at Marthas Vineyard, that when He deceased, they Carried on Shore his Bed Bedding & every thing that was with him in the Cabin except some Paper, that before they Saild from the Vineyard which was the 24th. Instant they Smoakd the Vessell with Brimstone & washed the Cabin & Steerage with Vinegar, & put on Shore everything Liable to Infection, & that Since they were at Ransfords Island they have put on Shore the Paper, that there remains on board Sd. Sloop a man that has not had the Small Pox.

Voted that Mr. Hartly takes Care that the Vessell is Sufficiently Smoakd & Cleansed & that every thing on board liable to Infection be taken on Shore, & that the Person Liable to the distemper be put into the Well House untill it may be determined whether he will have the distemper or not & then report to the Selectmen — On which Mr. Hartly reported that the Vessell was Sufficiently Cleansed that the Paper was put on Shore as also the Person Liable to the Distemper — Voted that Sd. Sloop be permitted to Come up to Town & gave Mr. Hartly the followg Order.

Boston Augt. 28th. 1759.

Mr. Hartly

Whereas you have reported to the Selectmen that you have Sufficiently Smoakd & Cleansed the Sloop Windsor Joseph Luce late Master from Philadelphia which was Stopd at the Hospital on Accot. of the Small Pox. It is our Orders that you let the Sd. Sloop depart the Island after you have taken on Shore every thing Liable to Infection as allso the Person who has not had the distemper & there remain untill [**107.**] further Orders from us.

Charles Slight who came in Capt. Bryant from the Bay of Honduras who appears to be Sick and in a Suffering Condition Applyd to the Selectmen for relief He says that he has Considerable Wages due — Voted that He be sent to the Alms House & that Enquiry be made about his wages & what is due to him.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Aug. 29th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Jackson Cushing Scollay & Austin.

Messrs. Fosdick & Thornton this day agreed with the Selectmen to pave the piece of Way at Charlestown Ferry Way Imediatly, to do all & find all for twenty three pounds Lawfull Money, & to do it to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen..

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sept. 3d. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay.

Capt. Joseph Eddy Master of the Sloop Sally waited upon the Selectmen & reported that he arrivd this Morning from Jamaica, that he Saild from thence the 25th. of July last, that there is no Sickness on board his Vessell more than Common that he has not any Body Sick in his Vessell — Voted that he have liberty to Come to Town his Ship being Stopd at the Castle on Suspicion of having Sickness on board.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t}. 5th. 1759 -- Pres- Messrs. Jackson Cushing Hewes & Austin.

[108.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t}. 12th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Hewes Scollay Austin.

Granted M^{r}. Austin Liberty to Open a Drain before his House in Sudbury Street.

Voted that the Perambulation of the Boundary Lines with the Town of Roxbury be on Friday the 21st. Instant and that the Town Clerk write a Letter to the Selectmen of Roxbury to be Accordingly Sent to Inform them thereof.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t}. 19th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Hewes Cushing Scollay Austin & Oliver.

M^{r}. David Wheeler applyd to the Selectmen for Liberty to Open a drain in Pond Lane —

Voted that he have Liberty to do it, & that he repair the Lane to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Assize of Bread Sell as Wheat at 6/2 p bush^{l}. 4^{d}. All^{d}. for Charge.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t}. 26th. — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Scollay & Austin.

The Selectmen according to their Appointment Perambulated the boundary Lines between Boston & Roxbury on Friday last being the 21st. Instant & a return thereof Signed by the Selectmen by the S^{d}. Towns is as follows Viz^{t}. the Acco^{t}. on File.

Mem^{o}. Watchmen to take Care of Negroes after 9 O'Clock —

Agreed that the Stalls in Faneuil Hall Market be reduced of their price one Quarter part to Commence at the time the Market was Ordered to be Shut at Eleven o'Clock & so to Continue untill further Orders.

[109.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 3^{d}. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Hewes Scollay Austin.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 17th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Jackson Hewes Cushing Scollay Austin.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 6 / 2 p bush^{l}. 4^{d}. all^{d}. for Charge.

M^{r}. Ebenezer Pierpont of Roxbury has agreed with Messrs. Henshaw & Scollay in behalf of the Selectmen to build a Stone Wall three feet high & thirty four Rod Long, that is from Nole to Nole on the East Side of Boston Neck oposite to M^{r}. Wentworths House for which he is to be paid four hundred pounds Old tenor, he is likewise to build a Stone Wall on the West Side of ten or twelve Rod Long for which He is to be paid One hundred Pounds Old tenor.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 24th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Oliver.

Benj^{a}. Starbuck Master of the Sloop Phenix reports that he Saild from Philadelphia the 6th. Instant that on the 4th. Instant

his Vessell was Stopd at the Castle on Account of the Small Pox being in Philadelphia that his Lading Consists of Flour & Iron, that he has nothing on board liable to retain any Infection, that his People have not had the distemper, that he does not think any of them will, as they were not on Shore near any place where the distemper was — Voted that be permitted to Come to Town with his Vessell.

Capt. Edmund Morton reports that he came from Philadelphia in the Sloop Eliza the 24th. of last Month that he was taken up at Sea the 18 Instant by Capt. Theops. Demmick in a foundering Condition, that Capt. Dimock [110.] In Sloop Success Saild from Philadelphia the 27th. of Sept. last that he had not any Person Sick or Indisposed, that the Sloop Success is Loaded with Wheat flour & Iron, that she has nothing on board liable to retain Infection, that Sd. Vessell is now Stopd at the Castle on Suspicion of having the Small Pox on Board.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 29th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octobr. 31st. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Capt. Nathl. Sheverick reports that he came from Philadelphia in the Sloop Endeavour on the 5th. Instant, that he has on board his Vessell for Cargo Flour & Wheat & that there is nothing on board Liable to retain the Infection of the Small Pox & that all his People are well.

Mr. John May is appointed weigher of Hay at the South Market &c (See his Bond.)

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 10th 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

The Selectmen being Informd that the Ship Thornton John Elkshaw Master fron Quebec has a Number of People on board Sick, the Master was Sent for & reported that he has brought with him One hundred & Seventy Sailors (being part of those the Province Supplyd Admiral Saunders & which he has dismissd) about Seven or Eight of which are Sick, & a Number of others Complaining — Voted that the Master be orderd Imediatly to go with his Ship to Ransfords Island & there deliver all his Sick People and [111.] Accordingly the Master was directed Imediatly to proceed to the Island aforesaid & the following directions were Sent to Mr. Hartly Keeper of Said Island.

Boston Novr. 10th. 1759

Mr. Hartly

The Ship Thornton John Ekshaw Master lately Arrivd from Quebec has a Number of Sick on board, we have Orderd the Vessell to Ransfords Island & you must receive the Sick People into the Hospital & take all Needful Care of them, you must then come up to town to get what may be Necessary for their Accomodation

& Support, the Vessell may return to Town as soon as she has deliverd the Sick on Shore.

The following directions were also at the Same time given to Capt. Ekshaw.

Boston Novembr. 10th. 1759

Capt. Ekshaw

Whereas we have been Informd that you have a Number of Sick People on board the Ship Thornton yourself Master, & it is apprehended by the Physician who has Seen them that they are Sick of an Infectious distemper, & if they are permitted to Come on Shore will Endanger the Health of the Inhabitants, we hereby direct you Imediatly to proceed with your Vessell to Ransfords Island, you must not Suffer any of your Sick to Land here, but must deliver them to Mr. Hartly the Keeper of the Hospital at Ransford Island who will take Care of them & you may return Imediatly with your Ship, Mr. Hartly will Imediatly recive the Sick upon your Arrival at the Island ——

JOSHUA HENSHAW
Jos. JACKSON
THOS. CUSHING
SAM'L. HEWES
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJA. AUSTIN
} Selectmen

[112.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 15th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw, Jackson, Cushing, Hewes, Scollay, Austin & Oliver.

Whereas by the Fire that broke out yesterday at Olivers Dock, many Persons have been reduced from Comfortable Circumstances to a State of Absolute Want & Poverty and who Accordingly need some Imediate releif and whereas any releif that may be obtaind by Subscription is not so likely to be distributed in so Equal & Just a manner as ought allways to take place on Such Occasions.

Voted that a Letter be Imediatly wrote to the Ministers of the respective Churches in this Town desireing them to recommend it to their Several Churches to make a Collection on the next Lords in the afternoon for the releif of Such of the Sufferers by the late Fire as may need it, & Voted that the Money so Collected be paid into the hands of Thos. Hancock Thos. Hubbard Joseph Dowse Saml. Grant John Phillips & Malatiah Bourne Esqrs. & Docter Sylvester Gardner — to be by them distributed to the Sufferers in proportion to their late Losses & their pressent Necessity & accordingly the following Letter was wrote & Sent to the Several Ministers in the Town.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 19th. 1759 Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing, Scollay Austin & Oliver

Assize of Bread Set as Wheat at 5 / 10 p bushl. 4d. Alld. for Charge.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 21st. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

[113.] Capt. Wimble Informd the Selectmen that he had this day arrivd in his Sloop Staniford from New York at which place the Small Pox raged to a verry great degree on which the Selectmen wrote to the Governer requesting Him to give Orders that all Vessells from New York may be Stopd at Castle William — Capt. Wimble says that he has on board for Cargo Flour, Pitch one Bale of English Goods & twenty Bales of Cotton, that he has taken all the Care he could, least any Infection should be Communicated — Voted that Capt. Wimble Send the Bales of Cotton English Goods to Ransfords Island to the Care of M^{r}. Hartley that they be there Kept under his Care untill further Orders — the following Orders the Selectmen gave to Capt. Wimble

Boston Novr. 20th. 1759.

Capt. Willm. Wimble.

S^{r}. you being Just Arrived from New York in your Sloop Staniford & having on board one Bale of English goods & Several Bales of Cotton & as the Small Pox rages at New York, & those goods are Liable to retain Infection it is therefore our Orders that you Send the Bale of English goods & the Bales of Cotton & any other English goods Liable to Infection down to Ransfords Island & Committ them to the Care of M^{r}. Hartly Keeper of the Hospital in order to be Aird.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 28th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Assize of Bread Set as Wheat at 6 / 2 p. bush^{l}. allowd 4^{d}. for Charges.

[114.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 12th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Austin Oliver.

W^{m}. Clark Informs of his taking in W^{m}. Jackson his Wife and Child from Rhode island.

Benj^{a}. Cooper at the North End by Clerks Ship yard Informs the Selectmen of his taking into his House Nathan Sawyer his Wife & three Children from Newbury allso Benjamin Labberce from Newbury.

Saml. Jackson with his Wife & one Child at W^{m}. Clarks at the South End Come from Rhode island by Land about a Month ago in order to get a passage to Philadelphia where they belong.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 19th. 1759 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Jane Lackey Living Oposite the North Battery Informs the Selectmen that she has taken into Her House One Symonds from Quebec formerly belonging to Medford.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 31st. 1759 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay.

Assise of Bread Set at 6/2 p bush^{l}. 4^{d}. All^{d}. for Charges.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{r}. 2^{d}. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay Austin.

Application was made to the Selectmen that a Premium of 13/4 may be allowed the Company belonging to the [**115.**]Engine N°. 2 for Working Said Engine first at the Fire that broke out the beginning of the last Month at a House near Copps Hill — Voted that the Same be accordingly allowed them.

John Ruddock Esqr. one of the Collectors of Taxes proposed Capt. Nathl. Greenwood & M^{r}. Caleb Parker as Sureties for Him — Voted that they be Accepted.

M^{r}. Samuel Adams another Collector proposed Andrew Oliver Junr. Esqr. & M^{r}. Robert Perpont for his Sureties — Voted that they be accepted.

M^{r}. Jonathan Payson another Collector proposed Jon^{a}. Cary, Cooper, & John Greaton Inholder in Roxbury for his Sureties, — Voted that they be Accepted.

M^{r}. John Grant the other Collector proposed Samuel Grant Esqr. & Capt. Fortesque Vernon for his Sureties. — Voted that they be Accepted.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{r}. 9th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{r}. 16th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay & Austin.

Yesterday the Selectmen were Informed by D^{r}. Kast that a Person was taken down with the Small Pox at the Widdow Graves's near to D^{r}. Mumfords on which D^{r}. Whitworth was desired by the Selectmen to Vissit S^{d}. Person & Report — Accordingly He soon reported that the Person was Certainly Seized with the Small Pox & gave it as his Opinion, that he might be moved with [**116.**] Utmost Safety, He was Accordingly removed to the House at New Boston lately taken up on Acco^{t}. of the Province, with his Bed & bedding & a Nurse & all other Necessarys to be provided for Him, at the Same time the Selectmen desired D^{r}. Whitworth to Attend him — the Mans Name is Thomas Patten he belongs to Wells in the County of York He came a few days past from New York, where it is Supposd He got the distemper.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{ry}. 30th. 1760 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

There being a dispute between M^{r}. Eben^{r}. Pierpont & the Selectmen about the length of the Wall which he agreed to build on the East Side of the Neck, Opposite M^{r}. Wentworth He now agrees to build the the Wall on the West Side the Neck, near to M^{r}. Wentworths Land, fourteen Rod & of highth & Breadth agreeable to the agreement which was two feet & half Broad & two foot high —

Signd EBEN^{R}. PIERPONT.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 6/2 p bush^{l}. 4^{d}. All^{d}. for Charges.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb^{ry}. 6th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Capt. James Clemans applyd for Liberty to Keep a Tavern at the House M^{r}. Wright lately Occupied and after Consideration on his reasons therefore — Voted that he Accordingly have Liberty.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb^{ry}. 13th. 1760. Present Messrs. Henshaw, Jackson, Cushing Hewes Austin.

[**117.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb^{r}. 18th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin.

This day D^{r}. Sprague reported to the Selectmen that One Gideon Ball belonging to Albany now at M^{r}. Richardsons at the South End is taken down with the Small Pox, upon which it was Voted that D^{r}. Spragues House at New Boston be Imediatly taken up & that M^{r}. Williston be directed to make a Fire & prepare a Room Imediatly for his reception, It was allso Voted that S^{d}. Ball be directly removed from S^{d}. Richardsons to D^{r}. Spragues House at New Boston & that M^{r}. Henshaw & M^{r}. Scollay be a Committee to see him removed & that M^{r}. Cushing & M^{r}. Austin Imediatly See D^{r}. Whitworth & desire him to attend upon S^{d}. Ball during his Sickness & they are allso to take Care that S^{d}. House is prepared for S^{d}. Balls reception.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb^{r}. 19th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Austin.

M^{r}. Benj^{a}. Smith Informd that he had taken into his House, at the West part of the Town one Peter Laundree a French Neutral from Milton.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 20th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Austin & Oliver.

[**118.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb^{r}. 25th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Hewes Scollay & Oliver.

Boston. ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb^{r}. 26th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay Oliver.

Information being given to the Selectmen that a Schooner Polly Samuel Horton Master (belonging to Marblehead) lately Arrivd at Marblehead from Philadelphia & yesterday Came to the Hospital at Ransfords Island being Sent thither by the Selectmen of Marblehead, who were under Apprehensions that there may be some danger of the Small Pox, as She is Come from Philadelphia where it prevails — Application was made by Col^{o}. Lee that She may be permitted to return to Marblehead.

Upon which Jeremiah Hagorty Mate who went the voyage in S^{d}. Schooner was examined by the Selectmen & says that Capt. Horton was taken Ill with the Small Pox at Philadelphia about two

Weeks before they Saild but was on Shore Longer & Left there Sick with that distemper, that Cargo of S^{d}. Vessell Consists only of a Quantity of Flour, Iron, & about fifty five bush^{l}. of Bran, & that there is nothing Else on board, that no Person is Sick on Board, but all in good Health, when at Philadelphia & were Since, that there is two Persons that belong to S^{d}. Schooner, who have not had the Small Pox, but they are very Well.

On which the Selectmen gave Orders to M^{r}. Hartly to take on Shore at the Island the Bran & the mans Chest who died at Philadelphia with the Cloaths that are in it, allso the Master & one man who have not had the Small Pox [**119.**] and any Woolins that the men may have purchased at Philadelphia & there Keep them untill further Orders.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb^{r}. 27th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 6/2 p bush^{l}. 4^{d}. All^{d}. for Charges.

M^{r}. Hartly reported to the Selectmen that he had taken on Shore at Rainsfords Island from on board the Polly Samuel Horton Master the Bran &c. Ordered the 26th. Ult^{o}. & that they are Sufficiently Aird & that he Apprehends there will be no danger in permitting the two to depart the Island as they make no Complaint & have been now Twenty days from Philadelphia therefore Ordered M^{r}. Hartly to Let the two men depart & deliver the things taken on Shore to their respective Owners.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ma^{r}. 5th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Agreed with Capt. French who is bound to Philadelphia for the Passage of Moses McConnell who has been for Some time in the Alms House on the Province Acco^{t}. & deliverd Capt. French one Bed & a Blanket which he is to return again & for S^{d}. McConnells passage & provisions Capt. French is to be paid Five dollars.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ma^{r}. 11th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay Austin & Oliver.

[**120.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ma^{r}. 19th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw, Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ma^{r}. 26th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing Scollay Austin.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ma^{r}. 12th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin Oliver.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 6/2 P bush^{l}. 4^{d}. All^{d}. for Charges.

The Selectmen Appoint Capt. Isaac Dupee to make enquiry after

all Such Persons that come into Town as Strangers, & are not Inhabitants here, & make report thereof to the Selectmen from time to time, & S^{d}. Dupee is Impowerd to Warn Such Persons as they Shall have Warrants for to depart the Town and all his doings in Consequence of this Appointment He is to Enter in a Book to be Kept for that Purpose.

Capt. Dupee is allso Appointed & Impowerd to Act as Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market from this time during the Indisposition of M^{r}. Abijah Adams, the Standing Clerk, & he is to prossecute all Breaches of the Law of the Town for the regulation of S^{d}. Market.

Voted that M^{r}. Williston direct the Sealers of Wood to be at the Selectmens Room the next Wednesday.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ma^{r}. 31st. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Voted that M^{r}. Brown of the Engine at New Boston have an Order for two Premiums for Working his Engine the first at the Fire at M^{r}. Bowdoins House near to Docter [**121.**] Mayhews Meeting which was on Fire, allso at M^{r}. Eustices House in Sudbury Street which was on Fire.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 5/8 p. bush^{l}. 4^{d}. for Charge.

Voted that M^{r}. Read Master of the Marlborough Engine have three Premiums for Working his Engine first at the Fire at Griffins Wharf, at Capt. Forbu's & at the Great Fire which begain Lately in Cornhill.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ap^{r}. 1st. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Hewes Scollay Austin.

M^{r}. Hartly Informed the Selectmen that the Ship True Brittain Capt. Searle Master arrived yesterday at Rainsfords Island from Antigua, that he left that place twenty one days ago, that Since that time, they have had Nine Persons on board that have had the Small Pox, that Seven of them are quite well, the other two men are on the recovery, that there is no Person now on board Liable to that distemper, on which the following Orders were given to M^{r}. Hartly.

M^{r}. Hartly

As the Ship True Briton Capt. Searle Master is arrived at your Island from Antiqua & on her passage Several Persons have had the Small Pox on board, and there being Several Passengers who are not liable to the distemper, it is our Orders that you let them Leave the Island after they are Sufficiently Aird & Shifted with Cloaths from the Town, let none of the Women Leave the Island or the Vessell & let none of the People nor any thing Come from on board the Vessell & use your discreation in the Smoking & airing the Vessell & the mens Cloaths & then report to us.

[**122.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ap^{r}. 9th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay Austin & Oliver.

George Pringle a Blind man now in the Alms House applyd & desires a passage may be procured for him for England, He was borne in Shields ner New Castle.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Apr. 16th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Hewes Scollay Austin.

Deacon Timothy Newell Guardian to the Children of Mr. Jeremiah Allen deceased, Applyd to the Selectmen Concerning the Vote that passed in the Town Meeting in March last for widening Ann Street, & as the Selectmen by Sd. Vote are directed to Treat with Such Persons as are Interested in the House belonging to Sd. Allens Estate or the Guardians of Such as are Minors, what they expect to have for so much thereof as is Necessary to be taken down for widening Sd. Street, the Selectmen after some discourse thereon with Deacon Newell agreed to referr the Same as follows Vizt. whether any Sum & how much shall be given to Sd. Allens Heirs for what of Sd. House & Land may be taken for widening Sd. Street, as it shall be determined by Samuel Grant Esqr. & Mr. John Barratt and Such third Person as they shall Choose, in Case of their Nonagreement neither party to be absolutely bound by Such determination.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April the 23d. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

[123.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 30th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Benja. Ross is appointed a Watch man at the So. Watch House.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 5 / 8 p. bushl. 4d. Alld. for Charge.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 5th. 1760 —

Capt. Francis Ingraham Master of a Sloop from Monta Christy reports that on his passage from thence he buryd one of his men with the Small Pox four days before his Arrival here, that he has four Persons on board who have not had the Small Pox, Voted that Mr. Hartly take on Shore the above four Persons & there Keep them untill further Orders, that the Vessell be Sufficiently Cleansd & Smoakd & that he report to the Selectmen.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 7th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing Hewes Scollay Oliver.

This day Seven of those People Called Neutrals were by Royal Tyler Sent to the Selectmen for them (for the pressant) to take Care & provide for them — Sd. Neutrals came from the Town of Reading their Names are as follows. Vizt. John Tibbedeau & his Wife Margaret, Paul & Joseph Tibbedeau their Sons, Mary & Elizabeth Tibbedeau their daughters Mary Le. Berthier Gran daughter — the allowance in the Town for five Persons was as follows, 3 half Pecks India n Meal one Peck Rye 9t. Pork 12t. Beef & Sauce & 2 Qts. Milk P day.

[124.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 14th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Hewes Austin Jackson.

Capt. Joseph Godfry of Schooner Lydia from Philadelphia re-

ports that he has been from thence twelve days and all well on board, but not having had the Small Pox & some of the Cargo he has on board being Liable to the Infection of the Small Pox, Viz^{t}. Hemp & Duck, Voted, that it be Landed at Rainsfords Island, & accordingly gave M^{r}. Hartly Orders to receive the Same & to have it well Aird.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 21st. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson, Hewes, Scollay & Austin.

Voted that Messrs. Henshaw Jackson & Scollay be a Committee to see that a Fence is put up round the South Battery as it was before the late Fire & that a House be Erected for the reception of the Military Stores, Conformable to a Vote of the Town at their last Meeting.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 26th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay and Austin.

Capt. Nathanael Winslow Master of the Sloop Fhenix & Capt. Robert Montgomry of the Sloop Hannah & Martha Report that they left New York the 7th. Instant & this day Arrivd off Castle William where they were Stopd on Acco^{t}. of the Small Pox being in New York, that they have no [**125.**] Cargo on board being in their Ballast, that they took no goods on board (being in their Ballast) At New York nor any other thing Liable to Infection that they are all well on board. Voted they be permitted up to Town

At the same time James Campbell Master of the Sloop Endeavour reported that he left Philadelphia the Ninth Instant, that he has on board for Cargo, Flour, Iron and two hundred Rheams of Paper, that he took no goods of any other Sort on board his Vessell, that he arrived this day off Castle William & was there Stopd —

Voted that the Paper be put on Shore at Rainsfords Island to the Care of M^{r}. Hartlys when that is done, the Vessell be permitted to Come up to Town, the Selectmen gave M^{r}. Hartly orders to receive the Paper.

The Honble. John Osburne Esqr. Sent a Message to the Selectmen desiring the Use of Faneuil Hall for the Govr. Councill &c to dine in on the Ensuing Election Day. — Voted that Liberty be granted.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 5/8 P. bush^{l}. S^{d}. All^{d}. for Charge.

This day the Officers of the Artilery Company desired of the Selectmen the Liberty of Faneuil Hall on the next Monday being Artillery Election of Officers & for their Company to Dine in — Voted that Liberty be granted.

This day the Selectmen took into Consideration the State of the French Neutrals lately Sent into this Town and Accordingly wrote the following Letter to the General Court who are to dispose of them through the County.

Boston May 27th. 1760 —

Gentlemen

The Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston, Agreeable to the request & desire of the Committee [**126.**] Ap-

pointed by the General Court to Apportion a Number of the French Inhabitants among the Several Towns in the County of Suffolk have made Such Provission for Said Inhabitants as was Necessary for their Comfortable Support as they came into the Town, we expected to have had the Care of them, but about two or three days, it is now above three weeks. We take Leave to Inform the Commitee that we are so Engaged in the Towns Bussiness that we Cannot possibly attend to this Affair for any Longer time than this week, the Committee therefore will be pleased after that time to make Such provission for the Inhabitants aforesaid as they in their Wisdom shall think propper —

We with great respect remain

your most Obedient Servts.

THE SELECTMEN.

To the Honble. Saml. Watts Esqr. & others a Committee &c.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 29th. 1760— Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Scollay & Austin

William Peake Master of the Schooner Ann from Philada. reports that he Saild from that place, Nine days ago that He has on board for Cargo, Flour, Iron & about one Tun & a half of Hemp, that he has no other goods on board liable to receive Infection, that himself and none of his People were on Shore while there & that they are all well on board.

Capt. Dingly in a Sloop from Philadelphia reports that he Saild from thence about Nine days past that he has on board for Cargo, Flour Iron & about fifty Rheams of Paper.

[127.] The Selectmen having received Information from Mr. Robb Sugar Baker & from other Persons, lately from Philadelphia, respecting the State of the Small Pox in that place, the Selectmen thereupon Come into the followg Vote — that application be made to the Governor that the the Prohibition be taken off of Vessells comeing from Philadelphia may be permitted to pass the Castle, without being Stopd.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 4th. 1760 — Present Henshaw, Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin.

Mr. Nathl. Brown Master of Engine No. 2 desires that two men may be added to his Engine, agreeable to the Vote of the Town in May last, & proposed Joseph Balch & Josheph True — the Selectmen Consented to it & appointed Sd. Balch & True to Sd. Engine accordingly, to do Such duty as is required by Said Vote.

Mr. Bently Master of Engine No. 1 Applyd to the Selectmen for a Bounty for working his Engine the first, at the Fire at Mr. Lillys House near to the Old North Meeting House about a Month past.

Whereas it is thought Necessary & Convenient that the Engine House, that now Stands near the old North Meeting House & Oposite to Sr. Henry Franklands Mansion House be removed from that place to the land on the Square near to the Watch House — Voted that Messrs. Austin & Scollay be a Committee to take Care that Watch House is removed and repaird.

[128.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 11th. 1760 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Scollay & Austin.

Daniel Calef Applys for Liberty to Open a drain in the Street near to Winnessimmit Ferry, Voted that he have Liberty, He Engageing to Lay the pavement down again in good Order.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 18th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw, Jackson, Cushing Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Mr. Bently Applyd for an Addition of two men to the Engine which he Commands & proposed Jonathan Brown & George Rumly for the approbation of the Selectmen — Voted that the above men be added to the Engine.

Elias Robinson Master of Engine No. 3 being Incapeable through Indisposition of Body to do his duty in that Service desires He may for the above reason be dismissed on which Mr. James Barnerd was appointed to that office at the Same time Sd. Barnard applyd for four men to be added to the Engine under his Command & proposed the following Persons Vizt. Henry Newell Edwd. Burbeck Junr. Elias Robinson & John Adams for the aprobation of the Selectmen — Voted that the above Person be added to Sd. Engine.

Francis Archibald Informed the Selectmen that he has taken into his House as a Maid Servant Mary Meeke who came from Marblehead.

[129.] Voted that Messrs. Jackson & Scollay be a Committee to wait on the Lieut. Governer desireing that he would give Such Orders to the Selectmen, as he shall think fit for Supplying any difficiency of men that may at any time happen in the Engines.

Solomon Kneeland Master of Engine No. 9 Informd the Selectmen that he Chose to resigne that office on which the Selectmen Appointed Stephen Greenleaf to Succeed him as Master of Sd. Engine, at the Same time Sd. Greenleaf applyd for the Addition of one Man to Sd. Engine in the Room of Mr. Greenleaf & proposed Ebenezer McIntosh who was by the Selectmen Approbated.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 25th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw, Jackson, Cushing, Hewes, Scollay, Austin, Oliver.

Agreed that the Vissitation of the Publick Schools be on Wednesday the 2d. day of July next, & that the following Gentlemen be Invited to Accompany the Selectmen Vizt. the List on File.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 30th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Voted that Messrs. Henshaw & Scollay be a Committee to repair the way at the head Eliot Street near to Mr. Powells & the other ways that are frequented in that Neighbourhood

Voted that Mr. Henshaw & Austin be a Committee to repair Purchase Street near Capt. Eglestones —

[130.] Voted that the following Letter be Sent to the Select-

men of Roxbury respecting one Dorcas How, who is an Inhabitant of that Town & is now in the Alms House in this Town.

Boston June 30th. 1760.

Gentlemen

We have at our Alms House one Dorcas How who lately Came from your Town, she is Sick & in Such Circumstances as at pressent renderr her removal unsafe, we sometime Since Informd, Joseph Williams Esqr. your Representative of this Matter, but she Still Continues with us & at Considerable Expence, as she is an Inhabitant of Roxbury She is at your Charge — perhaps you will Incline to provide for her yourselves & in Such way as you may think best, we therefore give you this Information that you may Act as you think proper on this Occasion — We are &c — THE SELECTMEN OF ROXBURY.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 9th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Orders were given to the Engine men as P Copy on file —

Commencement day no meeting of the Selectmen.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 22d. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay & Austin.

Joseph Cocks Master of the Sloop Charming Molly reports that he arrived in Town the last Evening from Philadelphia [131.] That He left that Place Eighteen days past, that He has on board for Cargo, Flour, Iron, & Six Tuns of Hemp that there is no One on board his Vessell that have had the Small Pox, that his Men on board are all well, that all the Hemp Saving about Fifteen Hundred weight Came out of the Country directly, was taken out of the Waggon directly on board the Vessell at Philadelphia, the above Fifteen Hundred weight was taken on board from a Store by the Water Side, He further Says that the Small Pox is in but very few Houses in Philadelphia, & where it is by Inoculation.

Voted that Capt. Cocks have liberty to come to Town with His Vessell.

Mr. Hartly Informed the Selectmen that the Sloop Ann Thomas Morton Master, arrivd at Rainsfords Island the last Night from Philadelphia that there is one of his Men on board Sick of the Small Pox, that there is no other Person on board Liable to that distemper, that his Cargo is Flour Iron & about one hundred Rheams of Paper — the Selectmen Ordered Mr. Hartly as follows.

Boston July 22d. 1760

Mr. Hartly

Whereas the Sloop Ann Thomas Morton Mastr. has Stopd at Rainsfords with the Small Pox on board you are to there to detain Sd. Sloop untill further Orders & take the Person that is on board Sick on Shore, as soon as he is in Circumstances of being removed, you must allso take everything on Shore that is likely to retain the Infection, you must also Smoke & Cleanse the Vessell and make report to us as soon as may be.

[132.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 23d.

1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Hewes Scollay Austin.

M^{r}. Austin Complained to the Selectmen that the Lower part of Cambridge Street that Leads up to Beacon Hill is verry much damaged & so much Gullyd by the great run of Water from Beacon Hill, that it was become Impassable, therefore Voted that Messrs. Austin & Scollay be a Committee to take Care that it be so repaird as to make a good & Sufficient High Way.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 26th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Jackson, Cushing, Hewes, Scollay Austin & Oliver.

M^{r}. Jonathan Williams made Complaint to the Selectmen, that M^{r}. Hartly the Keeper of the Hospital, refused to take the Person who is Sick with the Small Pox on board Capt. Mortons Vessell on Shore, He Suggested that he had a Number of men on the Island moving & making Hay who never had the distemper & that he detained the man on board untill the Work was Compleated — upon which it was Voted to write M^{r}. Hartly upon this head, accordingly the following Letter was Sent Him.

Boston July 26th. 1760.

M^{r}. Hartly

S^{r}. The Owner of the Sloop Ann Thos. Morton has been with the Selectmen & Complains that you refuse to take the Sick Person on Shore, notwithstanding he has been in Circumstances to be removed ever Since the Vessell arrived at the Island, it is Suggested that you have a Number of Laborers on Shore who never had the Small Pox [133.] And that for your own Convenience & Interest you detain the man on board, till your Work is done. if that is the Case you Certainly use the Owner & freighters of the Sloop verry Ill, & are Answerable for all damages that may Insue to the Vessell & Cargo for this detention — It is our Orders that you remove the Sick Person & dismiss the Vessell as soon as you can Consistant with the Health of the Sick and the Safety of the Town.

Joshua Henshaw
Joseph Jackson
Thos. Cushing
Saml. Hewes
John Scollay
Benj^{A}. Austin
} Selectmen.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 28th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw, Jackson, Cushing, Scollay Austin.

M^{r}. Thomas Read applyd for two men to Compleat the Number of the men belonging to his Engine.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 30th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Jackson Cushing Scollay & Austin.

M^{r}. Hartly reported, that he had taken from on board the Sloop Ann Thomas Morton Master which is now at Rainsfords Island, Jonathan Buck of Situate the man who has been Sick with the Small Pox on board S^{d}. Vessell that He has Sufficiently Cleansed & Smokd S^{d}. Sloop.

On which the Selectmen wrote the Lieut^{t}. Governer a Letter Signifying the above & that the Vessell might come to Town without Indangering the Inhabitants.

[134.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 30th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw, Jackson, Cushing, Hewes, Austin.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 5/4 p. bush^{l}. 4^{d}. All^{d}. for Charges.

Nathl. Chevereux Master of the Sloop Love reports that He Sailed from Philadelphia the 20th. Instant that he Arrivd this day at the Castle where he was Stopd that his Cargo Consists of Flour & Iron that his men are all well on board, that he has nothing on boad Liable to any Infection — Voted that he have Liberty to Come to Town with his Vessell.

John Gibbs Master of the Sloop Tryall reports that he Saild from Philadelphia about fourteen days ago, that he Arrivd this day at the Castle where he was Stopd, that his Cargo Consists of Flour & Iron, that he has nothing on board his Vessell liable to Infection, that his men are all well — Voted that He come to Town with his Vessell.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 1st. 1760 Present Messrs. Henshaw Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Capt. John Waterman Master of the Sloop Deborah Reports that he Saild from Philadelphia in the S^{d}. Sloop about Fourteen days past arrivd this day at Castle William was there Stopd, that his Cargo Consists of Flour & Iron, that he has nothing on board liable to retain any Infection, that all his People are well & in Health — Voted that He come to Town with his Vessell.

[135.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 4th. 1760 Present Messrs. Henshaw, Jackson, Cushing, Scollay, Austin & Oliver.

Voted that the Selectmen wait upon his Excellency Govr. Barnerd to-morrow morning, to Congratulate him upon his Safe arrival to this Government & that the following Address be presented him upon this Occasion.

To his Excellency Francis Barnerd Esqr. Captain Genl. Governer & Commander in Chief in and over His Majestys Province of the Massachusetts Bay In New England, & Vice Admiral of the Same.

The Address of the Selectmen of the Town of Boston May it Please your Excelley —

The Selectmen of the Town of Boston take this Oppertunity, with great respect to Congratulate your safe & Happy Arrival at the Capital of a Province which the Wisdom of our Sovereign has Committed to your Care.

The Appointment of a Gentleman of your Acknowledged Accomplishments to this Important Trust, must afford the greatest Satisfaction to all who have the prosperity of this Province at Heart, & we Cannot but entertain the pleasing hopes that the Happy Effects of your Administration of Government of which one of the Brittish Colonies has already had experience will be Enjoyd by this —

[136.] Permitt us then to Express our Sincere Joy on this Occasion, and to assure your Excellency of our Zealous Endeavours, as far as our Influence Extends to promote the Success your Publick Services, and a Just Confidence in your Government.

While with great Submission to your Excellency we Commend the rights & Priviledges, the Trade and Commerce & every Interest of this Metropolis to your protection and favour we have a firm perswasion that its Inhabitants will be ever ready to Exhibit all proper Testimonies of Loyalty to His Majesty as well as duty & Effection to your Excellency. —

In the Name & by Order of the Selectmen
of the Town of Boston
Ez^L. Goldthwait Town Clerk —

Tuesday Morning August 5th. 1760.

This Morning the Selectmen waited on His Excellency Governer Barnerd & presented the foregoing Address to which his Excellency was pleased to make the following Answer:

Gentlemen

The affectionate Terms of this Address deserve my warmest Acknowledgements I can assure you that my highest Ambition is to answer the Expectations you have Concieved of me —

The Known & Experienced Loyalty of the Town of Boston Leaves me no room to doubt, but that you will Support his Majestys Government under [137.] My Administration, whilest I use the power with which I am Intrusted for the good of the People, over whome I am placed. For this purpose it has been granted to me, & for this I hope I shall always Exert it. —

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 6th. 1760 Present Messrs. Henshaw, Jackson, Cushing, Scollay, Austin & Oliver.

M^r. Nathl. Brown Master of Engine No. 2 Applyd to the Selectmen to have a man Added to the List of his men for an Ax man & proposed Daniel Lilly belonging to Capt. Jenkins's Company — Voted that he be Added to the List.

Benjamin Salisburys Petition was read praying for Liberty to build a Workhouse of Wood upon his own Land as no good foundation can be obtained for a Brick Building without verry great Expence.

The Selectmen accordingly viewd the premisses & as they are of the Opinion He can't obtain a good Foundation for a Brick Building without great Expence — Voted that he have liberty to build with Wood a Workhouse provided he Covers the Sides of the Said Workhouse with Plaister or Slates & the Roof with Slate or File Agreeable to Law.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 13th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw, Jackson, Cushing Hewes Austin.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 5/8 P bush^l. 4^d. All^d. for Charges.

[138.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 15th. 1760 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson, Cushing, & Austin.

Mr. Thomas Hartly reported to the Selectmen that Jona. Buck the Person taken on Shore at the Hospital at Rainsfords Island with the Small Pox, was well of Said distemper & Sufficiently Cleansed & might come to Town without any danger to the Inhabitants of the Town—

Voted, that he have Liberty to come up to Town.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 25th. 1760.— Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt .27th.1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin & Oliver.

Boston ss At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 2d. 1760 Present Messrs. Jackson Cushing Scollay.

Thomas Hartly Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island reports to the Selectmen that the Selectmen of the Town of Glocester have Sent to Rainsfords Island the Schooner Jolly Robin Capt. Doliver late Master from St. Martins on Suspicion of having the Small Pox on board, that the late Master of Sd. Vessell died on his passage from St. Martins of Sd. distemper Sixteen days ago that there is four men on board Liable to have Said distemper that the Vessell has on board for Cargo Six Bags of Cotton Wool & Salt Sd. Hartly desires the Selectmens [**139.**] Orders respecting Said Vessell — Upon which the following directions wer given to Mr. Hartly.

Boston Sept. 2d. 1760.

Mr. Hartly

The Schooner Jolly Robin Paul Doliver Late Master from St. Martins being Sent to Rainsfords Island on Suspicion of having the Small Pox on board, you are hereby directed to take on Shore all the goods now on board Said Vessell liable to retain the Infection, you must Smoke & Sufficiently Cleanse Said Vessell, & take all the men on who have not yet had the distemper & report of your doings as soon as may be.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sept. 3d. 1760 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Hewes & Scollay.

The Committee Apointed July 23d. to Repair Cambridge Street Inform the Selectmen, that it is quite Necessary that a Broad paved Gutter be Layd down, in Order to Secure Said Street from being gullyed, the Gutter to go up some part of the Street Leading to Beacon Hill as well as in Cambridge Street. Voted that a Gutter be Layd down According to their best discreation.

Mr. Nathl. Brown Master of Engine No. 2 Applyd to the Selectmen for a man for his Engine to Supply the place of Joseph Balch who is gone out of the Province and at the Same time he proposed William Hill Baker to be the Man — Voted that Said William Hill be added to the Number of men for Sd. Engine.

[**140.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sept. 5th. 1760. Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing.

M^{r}. Hartly Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island reported to the Selectmen, that he had taken on Shore from on board the Schooner Jolly Robin, the People as allso all the goods that were Liable to retain the Infection that he has well Cleansed Aird & Smoakd the Vessell and that she may be permitted to go to Cape Ann without Endangering the Inhabitants as allso the People who belong to Her.

Voted that the above Vessell be permitted to depart the Island, M^{r}. Hartly received Orders from the Selectmen Accordingly.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septr. 10th. 1760. Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 5 / 8 P bush^{l}. 4^{d}. All^{d}. for Charges.

Capt. Cussens Applyd for Liberty to open the Street Oposite the House of Ezekiel Goldthwait Esqr. in order to repair a Drain — Voted that he have Liberty on repairing the Pavement again.

Capt. Joseph Domitt applyd to the Selectmen by Petition Setting forth that he was about building a Barn & Store on his Wharf which was called Goodings Wharf at the North End of the Town & as it would be verry Chargable to get a foundation, He therfore proposes to build S^{d}. Barn & Store of Wood & Slate the Top provided that the Selectmen Approve of it —

Voted that Messrs. Cushing & Scollay View the Same & report.

[**141.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t}. 17th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Scollay & Austin only.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septr. 24th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson, Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

M^{r}. Joshua Blanchard Informd the Selectmen that he has Applyd to his Neighbours in Dock Square to See what could be raisd among them to repair the Pump Standing in S^{d}. Square, He says that Provided the Town will Allow three pounds Six Shillings & Eight Pence Lawful Money for their part that he will Engage to put in a New Pump & repair Said Well.

— Voted that as the Town has a Considerable Estate Bordering on Dock Square, that M^{r}. Blanchard on his Effecting the above do have a draft on the Treasurer for three pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence.

Whereas there is to be on Friday next a publick rejoicing on Acco^{t}. of the Success of his Majestys Troops in the Intire Reduction of Canada by their late Success against Monreal therefore Voted, that Faneuil Hall be Illuminated on Friday Evening & that M^{r}. Williston make Provission therefor —

This day a Committee of the Council desired Liberty of of the Selectmen for the use of Faneuil Hall for the Governor & Council to dine in on Friday next, at the Same time desired the Company of the Selectmen to dine with the Governer & Council at the Hall — Liberty Granted.

[**142.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t}. 24th.

1760 —— Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Col^{o}. Henshaw & M^{r}. Austin are desired to Settle with Capt. Solomon Davis. concerning a Woman brought in a Vessell belonging to him from Louisbourg Commanded by Capt. Thomas Davis.

Paul Baxters Petition was read praying he might have Liberty to build a Coopers Shop or Workhouse of Wood upon his Land at the back of the Land where the Blue Anchor Tavern was (before the fire) near Olivers Dock, as no good foundation can be obtaind for a Building of Brick without a verry great Expense — the Selectmen Accordingly viewd the Premisses & as they think it Impracticable to get a good foundation for a Brick Building without great Expense — Voted that he have Liberty to build with Wood provided he Conforms to the Law in that Case provided he Conforms to the Law in that Case provided.

Messrs. Cushing & Scollay a Committee Concerning Capt. Dommitts Petition report that they have Viewd the Promisses & give it as their Opinion that a foundation cant be obtaind without great Expence — Voted that He have Liberty to build of Wood, agreeable to his Petition Provided he Conforms to the Law in that Case is provided.

[**143.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t}. 29th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing Scollay & Austin.

M^{r}. Jonathan Williams Informs the Selectmen that the Small Pox has been so much abated in Philadelphia that but a verry few Persons have it, & those who have not had it, go freely about the City doing their Business and as it will soon be hazardous for Vessells Comeing from thence to be Stopd at the Castle without there is real Occasion for it therefore Prays that the prohibition may be taken off — Voted that Information be given to the Governor of the above.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 5/8 P bush^{l}. 4^{d}. All^{d}. for Charge.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 1. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw & Austin.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 8th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing & Scollay.

M^{r}. William Moore distiller Informs the Selectmen that he has taken into his House as a boarder Sampson Tooly who came from London, Said Tooly being Pressant Says that his buisiness is an Oilman, that he has brought Considerable with him & pleads to reside here if the Selectmen will give Liberty.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 14th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw, Jackson, Scollay, Austin, & Oliver.

Information being made to the Selectmen that Capt. [**144.**] George Frost has this day arrivd in a Sloop from the Bahama Islands & that Said Sloop has some Persons Sick on board with the yellow Feaver — Voted that Doctor Whitworth be desired to go on

board S^{d}. Sloop and report the State there of at three o'Clock this afternoon.

Accordingly Doctor Whitworth reported that he had been on board Capt. Frosts Sloop that one man & no more is Sick, that he was first taken with a Feaver & Ague, which is now turned to a Common Intermitting Feaver, that the Vessell has been into Rhodeisland, that the Sick man was there under the Care of Docter Hunter of that Place, that the Said Sick Person has not the yellow Fever, nor no other Person on board the Vessell and He gives it as his Opinion that Said Sloop may Come to the Wharff without any danger to the Inhabitants of the Town.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 15th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin.

It was moved at the Selectmens Board that an Answer may be wrote to M^{r}. Bollans Letter & after Consultation upon it, it was Voted that before any reply is made that M^{r}. Bollans Letter of the 12th. of July last be laid before the Committe appointed by the General Court relative to the Fire on the 20th. of March last. —

It having been represented to the Selectmen that the Clerks of some of the Companys of Militia have demanded of Some of the men belonging to the Engines, their Fines for not [**145.**] training — Voted that Messrs. Henshaw Cushing and Scollay be a Committee to acquaint Col^{o}. Phillips with this affair, & desire that he would Cause all the Engine men to be Exempted from Military duty.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 20th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw, Jackson, Cushing, Hewes, Austin.

Whereas the Committee appointed by the General Court relative to the late Fire are to meet to morrow Evening — Voted that the Said Committee be desired to furnish the Selectmen with Such an Account relative to S^{d}. Fire as M^{r}. Agent Bollans prescribes, if practicable & if not Such an one as they Apprehend will best Answer the Purpose.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 22^{d}. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin.

M^{r}. John Spooner Applyd to the Selectmen for Liberty to Open a drain in Water street, Voted that he have liberty therefor, He Laying the Pavement down again in good Order.

M^{r}. Henshaw made report that agreeable to a Vote of the Selectmen the Committee of which he is a Member had requested of the General Court Committee relative to the late Fire to furnish the Selectmen with Such An Account as M^{r}. Bollan has requested in his Letter of the 12th. of July last, & that no Vote of Said Committee Could be obtained for the furnishing an Acco^{t}. — most of [**146.**] the Committee apprehending it was not their Business but that it belonged to the Towns Committee.

Voted that as no Account can be obtained of the Committee of the Court, that a Letter be Imediately wrote in answer to M^{r}. Bollans Letter. & that he be furnished from the Books of the Courts Committee with the best Account that they will Afford us

— Accordingly a Letter was wrote to Mr. Bollans & he was furnished in it with the Same Account that the Courts Committee have lately Supplyd the Commce. of Merchants in London — Vide the Letter &c. on File.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 27th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay & Austin.

Voted that John Brown Master of the Engine No. 6 have an Order for a Premium for working his Engine the first at the Fire that hapned lately at Mr. Ivers's Sugar House at New Boston.

Voted that Mr. Williston Inform the Masters of the respective Engines to be here the next Wednesday & that then Enquiry be made whether they have their full Compliment of men it having been represented to the Selectmen that their Companys are not full.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 29th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Voted that Messrs. Henshaw & Cushing be a Committee to wait upon Secretary Oliver with Mr. Bollans Letter of the 12th. of July last & desire Him to Communicate the [147.] Same as Soon as May be to the Governer & Council & take their Resolutions upon the Same with respect to the Proofs that Mr. Bollan advises to have taken before them.

The Masters of the respective Engines appeard before the Selectmen according to order & they all reported that they had their full Compliment of Men, Except Engine No. 6 the Master of which reported that he wanted one man to make up his Compliment — Whereupon He was desired with his Company to fix upon a Suteable Person & present him as soon as may be to the Selectmen for their Aprobation.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 5/8 p. bushl. 4d. Alld. for Charges.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 5th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw, Jackson, Cushing Scollay & Austin.

Messrs. Henshaw & Cushing reported that agreeable to a Vote of the Selectmen of the 29th. of Octr. last, they had waited upon Mr. Secretary Oliver with Mr. Bollans Letter of the 12th. of July last & desired him to Communicate the Same as soon as possible to the Governer & Council & take their resolutions upon the Same, & Accordingly Mr. Secretary Communicated Said Letter to the Governer & Council the 31st. of October last & in Consequence of it they passed the following Vote — which Vote was delivered by Mr. Secretary Oliver to Mr. Henshaw.

[148.] In Council October 31st. 1760

Present his Excellency the Governer &c —

In as much as the General Court by their Vote of the 22d. of March last Impowered the Selectmen & Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Boston to receive the Moneys that might be Collected for the Sufferers by the late great Fire, & distribute the Same at their discreation and as two thousand pounds Sterling has been Collected in London, which was left at the disposal of the Governer & Council, and by them has been put into the hands of the

Said Gentlemen, & there is now advice of One thousand pounds more Collected in London for the purpose aforesaid at the disposal of the Governer & Council.

— Ordered that the Secretary draw for Said thousand pounds at Parr, and pay it into the hands of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Boston to be distributed as aforesaid, and that the S^{d}. Gentlemen be desired to prepare Accounts of the Loss with proper Vouchers for each particuler, and of the Moneys received in Aid of the Sufferers, to be laid before the Governer and Council in Order to be Transmitted to England.

Coppy Exam^{d}. ANDREW OLIVER SECR^{y}.—

M^{r}. Henshaw &c. further report that as this Vote respect^{d}. the Committee Apointed by the General Court relative to the late Fire, he had Communicated the Same to them & that they had taken it under Consideration & had Chosen a Committee to Consider what was proper [**149.**] to be done upon it and report to the Committee at their Adjournment.

Voted that M^{r}. Goldthwait Imediatly prepare a fair Coppy of the Alphabetical List of all the Persons that have been warned out of the Town, and returned to the Court of Sessions, many years past, in Order that the Overseers of the Poor may be furnished with the Same.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 24th. 1760 Present Messrs. Henshaw Scollay & Austin.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 26th 1760. Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin.

The high Sheriff Informed the Selectmen that there was in the Jail a French Prisoner who is not an Inhabitant of any town in the Province & that he is so Indisposed as that it is highly Necessary, that he should be removed to Some other place that may be proper — Accordingly an Order was Sent to M^{r}. Procter Keeper of the Alms House to receive him.

Signed JOSHUA HENSHAW } Selectmen
JOHN SCOLLAY }
JOHN PHILLIPS Overseer of the Poor.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 5/8 p. bush^{l}. 4^{d}. all for Charges.

This day Gideon Smith Master of the Schooner Mayflower Informd the Selectmen that there is on board his Schooner [**150.**] Archelaus Harding belonging to the Town of Chatham who he Apprehends has got the Small Pox, on which D^{r}. Whitworth was desired to Vissit the man & report — Accordingly D^{r}. Whitworth reported to the Selectmen that He had Vissited the above Person & that he has the Small Pox — On which Capt. Smith was desired to proceed to Rainsfords Island with his Vessell and there deliver Said Harding to M^{r}. Hartly Keeper of the Hospital on Said Island, & the following Order was given to M^{r}. Hartly who was present.

Boston Novem^{r}. 28th. 1760.

M^{r}. Hartly

The Schooner May Flower has on board a man who has the Small

Pox, we have ordered S^{d}. Schooner to your Island, you are to take the man whose name is Archelaus Harding into the Hospital, & take all proper Care of him, Let the Vessell be Sufficiently Cleansed and then let her depart from the Island.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 3^{d}. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

M^{r}. Joseph Henshaw Informed the Selectmen that the Wharf head at the End of the Street that Leads from John Rowe Esqr. his House in Essex Street to the Water Side is is destroyd & is in Such a State, that the way will soon be Impassable without it is repaird — Voted that Messrs. [**151.**] Austin & Scollay be a Committee to View the Same and get it repaird in the best manner it can be done — Accordingly the Selectmen agreed with M^{r}. Robert Pierpont to Effect the Same.

M^{r}. John Grant Applyd for his Premium for Collecting the Taxes for the year One thousand Seven hundred & Fifty Eight, having produced the Several Treasurers Receipts — Voted that M^{r}. Grant have a draft for his Prem^{o}.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 5th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Whereas our Troops on their return & some of them are Arrived Sick of a Contagious distemper & we are in want of the Province Hospital which is now Occupied by the Overseers of the Poor of the Town for the use of the Neutral French.

Voted that the following Letter be wrote to the Overseers desiring they would Cause Said Hospital to be Cleard Imediatly.

Gentlemen

As our Troops are upon their return Home and some of them are Arrived, Vissited with a Contagious distemper we Stand in need of the Province Hospital and must desire you to Cause it to be Cleard Imediatly

Signed by — THE SELECTMEN.

[**152.**] Information was given to the Selectmen that Frederick Kelly was taken down with the Small Pox at the House of M^{r}. Glovers Shoemaker near to M^{r}. Hills Distill House — Voted that As the Weather is too Severe to move him to Rainsfords Island, that he be moved to the Hospital at the West of the Town, He was Accordingly Moved.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 10th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin.

John Shepherd Shoemaker Informd the Selectmen that a man Named Willaim Manning, had been for Some time as a Lodger at his House, that he came in Capt. Marshman from Lisbon, that he came to his House Sick, & was not able to proceed with Capt. Marshman on his Voyage & that he is now in Suffering Circumstances — Voted that he be sent to the Alms House on the Province Account.

Information was given to the Selectmen by Mr. Adams that Thomas Trahey & his Wife Inhabitants of the Town of Hull, who were some time Sent to that Town were returned again into this Town — Voted that Mr. Adams be ordered to apply to a propper Officer for a warrant & that they be Treated Agreeable to the Law in that Case.

John Bryant a Stranger in Suffering Circumstances Came from Newfound Land into Portsmouth in Capt. Purcell made Application to the Selectmen for Relief [153.] Gave an Order on Mrs. Procter to receive Him into the Alms House on the Province Accot. at the Same time took his Note of hand to pay the Town Treasurer whatever Charge or Expense the Town of Boston may be at in order to his restoration to Health.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 15th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Scollay Austin.

Wm. Dawes Applyd for Liberty to open a Drain in the Street Called distill House Square — Voted that He have Liberty, observing to put down the pavement &c. in good order.

Information was given to the Selectmen that a Mr. Stoneman a Soldier from the Camp was taken with the Small Pox at his House in Exchange Lane, — It was Accordingly ordered that Sd. Stoneman with his Wife & Child be removed to the Hospital at West Boston which was Accordingly done.

Lydia Hill from Billerica who was warned out of Town some time Since appeard & prayed that She might have Liberty to reside here, as She works for the Inhabitants of this Town Chiefly for a Support Upon Considering of this Application, and many Circumstances relating to Said Hill, Orderd that she depart the Town in a Week from this time & not be permitted to dwell here any Longer, and Mr. Adams is directed to take Care, that she depart Accordingly.

[154.] Mr. Hartly Applyd & reported to the Selectmen that Archelaus Harding who has for Some time been at the Hospital at Rainsfords Island Sick of the Small Pox is recovered from that distemper — Voted that he be permitted to depart the Island on Mr. Hartlys taking proper Care that He be well Cleansed & that what Cloaths he brings away with him be Sufficiently Aird, & that he take Said Hardings Obligation to pay him for what Expence he has been at.

Sent to the Alms House on the Province Accot. John Tuttle a Provincial Soldier, who is removed from the Castle, his State of Health being Such as renders him Incapeable of helping himself for the Present —

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 29th. 1760 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay & Austin.

Mr. Samuel Adams one of the Collecters of Taxes, appeard & Proposed Andrew Oliver Junr. Esqr. & Mr. Robert Pierpont as Sureties for Him — Voted that they be Accepted.

Mr. Jonathan Payson another of the Collecters of Taxes Proposed Jonathan Carey of Boston & John Greaton Inholder in Roxbury for his Sureties — Voted that they be Accepted.

[**155.**] Mr. John Grant one of the Collecters Appeard and proposed Samuel Grant Esqr. & Capt. Fortesque Vernon for his Sureties — Voted that they be Accepted.

John Ruddock Esqr. another of the Collecters of Taxes appeard & proposed Mr. Nathl. Greenwood & Mr. Caleb Parker for his Sureties — Voted that they be Accepted.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 5/8 p. bushl. 4d. Alld. for Charge.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 31st. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay Austin & Oliver

William Sutton Master of Engine No. 7 reported last July two Ax Men for his Engine Vizt. Thos. Balter & Stephen Winter — Voted that they be Added to his Number.

[**156.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Janr. 7th. 1761 Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin.

The Selectmen being Informed that William Torry Junr. who was a Lodger at Mr. John Gerrish's where the Small Pox has been for Some time had left Mr. Gerrishes and had took Lodgings at the Widdow Allens by Dr. Gibbons, & as it is not unlikely that Said Torry has taken the Infection & is liable to be taken down with that distemper, the Father of Said Torry was Sent for to Enquire how it was with his Son, Mr. Torry Informed the Selectmen that his Son was at Mrs. Allens & did Intend if he should be taken with the distemper to repair to Mr. Gerrish's again, & as it will be of great damage to the Town that the Small Pox should Continue at Mr. Gerrish's it being in the heart of the Town the Selectmen therefore Informed Mr. Torry that his Son must not be at Mr. Gerrish's if he should be taken with the Small Pox, neither must he Continue where he now is, but must get Lodgings in Some House in the Outskirts of the Town or be removed to the Hospital at West Boston.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Janr. 14th. 1761 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin Oliver.

The Last Night between the Hours of 10 & 12 o'Clock Faneuil Hall was Consumed by Fire the Selectmen met at Mr. [**157.**] Robert Stones in King Street.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Janr. 15th. 1761 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay & Austin.

Whereas Faneuil Hall is Consumed & the Selectmen have no place to meet in to do the Business of the Town — Voted that the Selectmen return to their Former Chamber at the East end of the Town House but before we take possession of Said Chamber, Mr. Goldthwait be desired to attend, and write a few Lines to our Representatives desiring them to mention it to the Honble. House, & Mr. Goldthwait was accordingly desired to do it in Consequence thereof he wrote the following Letter.

Gentlemen

The Selectmens Chamber in Faneuil Hall where they have Sat for about Seventeen years past to do the Bussiness of the Town now Consumed by Fire & they having no place at Present for that purpose, desire you would be pleased to mention it to the Honble. House and Inform them that the Selectmen are now under a Necessity of returning to their former Chamber at the East end of the Court House, but being Informed that it is sometime Improved by Committees of the Honble Court they Chose to Let the Court Know it before they return to it — By Order of the Selectmen —

EZEK^{L}. GOLDTHWAIT Town Clerk. —

[158.] Accordingly our Representatives mentioned the above Matter to the Court & they Acquiessed in the Selectmen taking Possession of the Said Chamber, & the Assessors taking Possession of the Chamber at the East End.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{r}. 16th. 1761 — at the Chamber over the Council Chamber at the East end of the Town House — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay & Hewes.

Voted that Application be made to the General Court for releif under the Great Loss the Town has Sustained by Faneuil Hall & the Shops on the North Side of the same being Consumed by Fire on the 13th. Instant.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{r}. 21st. 1761 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Scollay & Austin.

The House of Representatives being Apprehensive of some danger of some of their Members taking the Small Pox from our Meeting at our Chamber at the East end of the Court House, desire we Imediately would procure another Room & remove to the Same as soon as possible & passed the following Vote upon this Occasion.

[159.] In the House of Representatives January 21st. 1761.

In as much as the Selectmen of the Town, of Boston Sett to do Business in their Eastermost upper Chamber of the Court House and the Small Pox frequently breaking out, Necissitates those Persons in whose Houses it is at first discovered as well as many of the Physicians in the Town to Attend them this House Apprehend it unsafe for Such Persons to pass & repass the doors of this House — Therefore Voted that Said Selectmen be desired to remove their Office from Said Chamber & provide themselves with some other Suteable place at the Charge of the Government during the pressent Setting of this Court.

JAMES OTIS Speaker

Information was this day given to the Selectmen that a Negro Woman belonging to the Widdow Waterhouse was taken down with the Small Pox, Accordingly she was with the Consent of Her Mistress Sent to the Hospital at West Boston.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{r}. 26th. 1761 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay Austin Met & Passed a Number of Accompts.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 5/4 ℔ bush^{l}. 4^{d}. All^{d}. for Charge.

[**160.**] On the 24th. Instant Information was given to the Selectmen by Doctor Sprague that the Wife of M^{r}. McFadden a Gardner Living in a House of Thomas Green Esqr. at the South End was taken Ill with the Small Pox, Accordingly M^{r}. Cushing with D^{r}. Sylvester Gardner went to the House to persuade the Family to Her being moved to the Doctors House in the Common, she was Accordingly moved the Same day.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January the 28th. 1761 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Voted that M^{r}. Williston take Care & have the Town Ladders are Carried to the Walls of Faneuil Hall & fix them there & See that the Potts & other Iron Ware are taken down from of the Walls.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January the 29th. 1761 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay & Austin.

Voted that M^{r}. Dawes Secure the Walls of Faneuil Hall from the Weather in the best manner he Can & anything Else that may be for the Preservation of S^{d}. Wall.

[**161.**] As M^{r}. Levitts Son who has had the Small Pox at M^{r}. Saml. Parkmans in Union Street is recoverd from that distemper & is removed from thence to D^{r}. Gardiners Hospital, & M^{r}. Parkmans House has been Well Cleansed — Voted that the Red Flagg be taken in, but that the Guard be Still Continued for Some days untill the further determination of the Selectmen.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan^{r}. 30th. 1760 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Scollay and Austin.

Deacon Tudor Informed the Selectmen that a Grand Child of his Son to M^{r}. Thompson who lives the next door to M^{r}. Gerrish's (near to the draw Bridge) where the Small Pox has been for some time, was Suspected to have that distemper, on which D^{r}. Gardner was desired to Vissitt the Child & report, Accordingly He reported to the Selectmen that that the Child had the Small Pox. On which the Father of the Child was Sent for who absolutely refused to have the Child Moved to any other place, than where the Child now is. On which he was Ordered to put out a Flagg agreeable to the Law & that he must Shut up his House & Shop & not let them be Opened, nor to Let any Person either go in or Come out of his House Except the Doctor untill further Orders were given him from the Selectmen for that purpose, that the Selectmen will order a Guard to his house to see that their Orders were Complyd with they allso gave M^{r}. Thompson Orders Comformable to the above.

[**162.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb^{r}. 3^{d} 1761 Present Messrs. Henshaw Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin.

M^r^. Barber Sent a Message by D^r^. Gardner to the Selectmen Informing them that his Child who has been Sick of the Small Pox is recoverd & that neither his Wife nor any of his other Children as yet Complain and he is in hopes they have not taken the Infection but as his Wife is verry uneasy least by her Continuance in the House she should receive the Infection. He therefore desires she may leave the House & go to the House of the Widdow Stannys in the Neighbourhood that being a place (as she thinks) of Safety, & he promises the Selectmen that he will not see her until he has Leave from them in Case she should Complain she shall be removed back to his House again — D^r^. Gardner Informed the Select men that she may be removed as above with Safety.

Boston Feb^r^. 4th. 1761.

M^r^. Nathl. Barber

S^r^. Doctor Gardner has Informed the Selectmen that M^rs^. Barber is very uneasy at being Confined to her House least she should take the Small Pox, as she is at pressent (as she Apprehends) free from that distemper she is desirous of removing to the Widdow Stannys, the Doctor further says that if this desire is Complyd with, that you will Engage you will not See her without our Leave & that in Case she Complains & the Doctor is apprehensive that she is likely to be taken down with the distimper that she [**163.**] shall be Imediatly removed back to her own House wherefore upon Consideration of their Engagements and as Docter Gardner is of Opinion she may be removed to the Widdow Stannys with Safety to the Town, the Selectmen Consent to her removal to S^d^. place & depend on your punctuallity in fulfilling your Engagement.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb^r^. 6th. 1761—Present Mes^rs^. Henshaw Cushing Hewes Scollay & Austin.

This day the Selectmen received a Letter from M^r^. Barber Setting forth that as it is not likely that his maid Named Girote has as yet taken the Small Pox & as it will be Chargeable to him to Keep her in his House she being of no Service, He desires she may be moved from thence. Doctor Gardner was Sent for by the Selectmen & Consulted on the above who reported that it was his Opinion that she had not as yet taken the Infection and advised that that she might be removed to Some House of Safety provided she might in Case of any Complaint be moved from thence to the Hospital Accordingly Messrs. Scollay & Austin had a Conference with the Relations of the above Girot who Concluded to take her to the House of the Widdow Tucker near to the Sign of the Drum and promissed that in Case of any Complaints from her they would Advise the Selectmen of it that she might be moved from thence to the Hospital.

[**164.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb^r^. 11th. 1761—Present Messrs. Jackson Hewes Scollay & Austin.

Liberty was given to M^r^. Parkman the 9th. Instant to Open his Shop & that he may have Access to his House and the Guard which has been upon the House was Ordered off the House by the Opinion of Doctor Gardner being quite Clear of the Infection.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. the 12th.1761 — Present Messrs. Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin.

Doctor Gardner Certified to the Selectmen that Messrs. Gerrish & Thompsons Houses were throughly Cleansed of the Infection of the Small Pox Accordingly the Flag was Ordered to be taken down & the Guard dismissed.

This day the Selectmen received a letter from M^{r}. Barber desiring that his Child being quite well & his House Sufficiently Cleansed & Aird, and that there is no likelyhood of any of his other Children being taken down with the Small Pox, that his Child who has had that distemper, may be permitted to go abroad—

On a Conferance with Doctor Gardner he gave it as his Opinion that M^{r}. Barber might, (as his House & everything in it is Aird) be permited to go abroad [**165.**] and that the Nurse be in a Short time dismissed Accordingly the Selectmen wrote M^{r}. Barber the following letter.

Boston Feby. 12th. 1761

M^{r}. Barber

We have received yours or the 11th. Instant and have Consulted the Doctor upon the Contents & as its his Opinion you may go abroad with Safety to the Town as allso that the Nurse may be dismissed next Tuesday, we have agreed to give Liberty therefor provided you both have a fresh Shift of Cloaths. We Shall depend upon your honors in taking all Needful Care upon this Occasion.

Signed by the Selectmen.

Information was this day given to the Selectmen that a Child of M^{r}. Nathl. Ridgway Taylor near to Clarks Wharf was taken down with the Small Pox Accordingly the Child was moved to Doctor Gardners Hospital in the Common at the Charge of the Town.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February the 18th. 1761—

Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Hewes Scollay Austin.

M^{r}. John Tylestone Usher of the North Writing School Attended & Informed the Selectmen that M^{r}. Zach^{a}. Hicks Master of Said School Intended to resigne that [**166.**] Employment in a few days, He therefor desired that as He has been Usher of Said School for Several years and he hopes has behaved to the Acception of the Town therfore desires he may Succeed M^{r}. Hicks as Master of Said School when He shall Leave it.

Voted that M^{r}. Austin & M^{r}. Cushing be a Committee to Advise with M^{r}. Oxenbridge Thacher respecting the Laws now in force relative to Sickness the Small Pox or any other Pestilential distemper, and Examine where in they are deficient & whether it is Necessary that the Selectmen have any further power to prevent Such Sickness or distemper from Spreading, & in Such Case that they desire M^{r}. Thacher to draw a Bill for that purpose.

Information was this day given to the Selectmen by Doctor Kast that Ebenezer Eaton a Journey man to M^{r}. Jennings the Hatter was taken down with the Small Pox at S^{d}. Jennings's, He was Accordingly moved to Doctor Gardners Hospital in the Common.

Information was this day given that one Cook at the House of Benj^{a}. Russell near Sudbury Street was taken with the Small Pox, He was Imediatly moved to the Province Hospital at West Boston allso one of the French Neutrals Francis Robeshaw at the Work House was taken with the Small Pox on the 23^{d}. Instant He was moved to Doctor Gardners Hospital.

[**167.**] Information was this day given to the Selectmen that a Negro man belonging to James Barrack, allso one M^{rs}. Harrow Wife to M^{r}. Harrow at New Boston were taken with the Small Pox who were removed to to the Hospital the former to the Province Hospital the latter to Doctor Gardners Hospital in the Common.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb^{r}. 26th. 1761 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin.

Examind & passed a Number of Acco^{ts}. as P^{r}. draft Book.

Assise of Bread Set as Wheat at 5/4 P bush^{l}. 4^{d}. all^{d}. for Charge.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March the 3^{d}. 1761 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin.

Examined a Number of Acco^{ts}. for finishing the draft.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen Ma^{r}. 4th. 1761 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin.

Voted that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers &c on Monday the Ninth [**168.**] Instant at the Town House at Nine o'Clock in the Forenoon.

On Saturday Last being the 28th. of February M^{r}. Lifes Daughter the Selectmen were Informed was taken Sick with the Small Pox at a House in Marlborough Street near to the Sign of the Lamb, the Person Sick refused to be moved to the Hospital, upon which it was ordered that the House where the Sick Person was should be Shut up & a Guard was placed at the doors to prevent any Persons going in or out of Said House, Except Such as have Liberty therefor from the Selectmen.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March the 9th. 1761 — Present Messrs. Cushing Scollay Austin.

M^{r}. Henry Quincy Informd the Selectmen that his Wife was taken Ill with the Small Pox and that she was in Such Circumstances as that she could not be removd with Safety upon which he was directed to Shut up his House & his Shop & to hang out a Pole with a red Cloth agreeable to the direction of the Law, and a Guard was ordered to be placed at his House to prevent any Person going in or Comeing out without Leave obtaind of the Selectmen.

[**169.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Ma^{r}. the 10th. 1761— Present Messrs. Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin and Sewall.

Voted that M^{r}. Cushing be Moderator or Chairman of the Selectmen for the Ensuing year.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 11th. 1761 — Present Messrs. Cushing Hewes Scollay Austin Sewall.

Doctor Joseph Gardner reports Vizt.

That Stonemans Bed may be brought away from Doctor Gardners Hospital.

That Harrow & Wife may go as soon as Shifted to their Homes allso Ridgway & Child & Robeshaws Nane on being first Shifted.

That Mr. Waterhouses Negroe & Mr. Boxs Negroe may Leave Hospital they being first Shifted.

That Mr. Wheats Child may be removed from his house to Dr. Gardners Hospital with Bedding Cloths &c.

Mr. Samuel Proctors Province Accot. Amounting to £153 7. 8 was passed upon.

Mr. Saml. Procter's particuler Accot. with the Province passed upon.

[170.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March the 16th. 1761 — Present Messrs. Scollay Austin Sewall Savage Lewis.

Information was given by Doctor Gardner that a Woman at the Widdow Leverets in Cornhill was broke out with the Small Pox & that he had prevaild upon her to be removed to the Hospital which she Consented to.

Voted that Mr. Willeston prepare for her removal at three o'Clock this afternoon.

[End of Volume 10 of the Minutes. — W.H.W.]

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES.

BOOK ELEVENTH.

[NOTE. — This book is numbered pp. 1–86 and then the pagination begins again with p. 1. See p. 183 of the text. — W. H. W.]

[1.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 11th. 1761

Present

Thomas Cushing Esqr.
Samuel Hewes Esqr.
John Scollay Esqr.
Samuel Austin Esqr
Mr. Samuel Sewall

The Selectmen examined and passed the Account of the Town of Boston with the Province for supporting Sundry persons at the Alms-House as p Accot. of Samuel Procter amounting to £153–7–8

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 18 1761 ——

Present

Thomas Cushing Esqr.
Samuel Hewes Esqr.
John Scollay Esqr.
Samuel Austin Esqr
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr. Samuel Ph. Savage
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and Rateable at Twenty Pounds [2.] Estate, to a single Rate, beside the Poll, to Convene at the Town House on Monday the Twenty-third Day of March Current, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, then and there to consider of the Petition of a number of the Inhabitants, praying that a suitable Person may be chosen Master of the North Writing School in the room of Mr. Zechariah Hicks who has desired to resign: also of the Petition of Mr. John Vinal Usher of the South Writing School and Mr. John Tilestone Usher of the North Writing School, severally praying that they may be appointed to succeed Mr. Hicks as master of said School; and to act upon such other matters as may properly come before said Meeting.

Voted that Messrs. Fowle and Draper shall print the Notifications for the Meeting which is to convene 23^{d}. Instant.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 19 1761 ——

Present

Thomas Cushing Esqr
John Scollay Esqr.
Samuel Austin Esqr.
M^{r}. Samuel Sewall
M^{r}. Sam. Phi. Savage
M^{r}. Ezekiel Lewis

The following Draft of a Letter was agreed upon,

To the Honble. Jacob Wendell Esq. and other his Majestys Justices,

[3.] Gentlemen,

By a late Vote of the Inhabitants of the Inhabitants (*sic*) of the Town, we are desired to take such steps as the Law directs for widening the Street between Faneuill Hall Market, and mess^{rs}. Bromfield Waterhouse & Gibbs Stores; and whereas by Law when any total depolotion happens in any Street or Lane, the Justices of said Town together with the Select men, shall have power to lay out widen or enlarge such Streets or Passage as may be most for the conveniency and accommodation of the place. We have therefore to request of your Honors a Meeting for this purpose as soon as may be.

A Letter from the Selectmen of Hingham relating one Joseph Brow a Neutral was read, and the following was a reply,

Gentlemen

We have considered of your Letter of March 17th. relating one Joseph Brow Senr. a Neutral, and can by no means consent to any allowance for the charge of supporting him at Weymouth, for we have one Peter Doucet a Neutral, order'd for your Town, and are ready to make the exchange, as directed by a Committee of the General Court appointed for that business, whenever you shall think proper

Your Humble Servants

The Selectmen.

[4.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 25, 1761 ——

Present

Thomas Cushing Esqr.
Samuel Hews Esqr.
John Scollay Esq
Samuel Austin Esqr.
M^{r}. Samuel Sewall
M^{r}. Sam. Phil. Savage
M^{r}. Ezekiel Lewis

Voted, that Messrs. Hews & Scollay be a Committee to provide as many Ladders as with those already provided shall make up the number of Ladders for the Town Stock to Sixty, it being agreable to a Vote of the Town at their late Adjourment.

M^{r}. Sutton having acquainted the Select men that that part of

the Burying Ground Wall, which runs on the back of his house, was fallen down — Mr. Williston was directed in consequence of this information to acquaint the Proprietors of Tombs on that side of the Burying Place, that they are desired to repair the same as soon as may be.

Mr. Joseph Putman Master of Engine No. 4, apply'd for his premium for first playing with his Engine at the late Fire near the Dock.

Voted, that he have a draft for his premium next Draft Day.

Mr. Scollay was desired to order Gravel to be laid upon such parts of the Neck as might require the same.

[5.] Agreable to an Order of the Town at their late Annual Meeting, the following draft of a Petition to the General Court was Voted to be preferred, Vizt.

Province of the Massachusetts Bay

To His Excellency Francis Barnard Esq. Captain General & Governor in Chief in & over his Majesty's Province aforesaid. The Honble. his Majestys Council, & the Honble. House of Representatives in Genl. Court assembled, at Boston 28th. Day of March 1761.

The Memorial of the Selectmen of the Town of Boston by Order of the Inhabitants of said Town at their Meeting the 23d. of March Instantem Humbly sheweth,

That in the Providence of God Faneuil Hall and the market under the same having been consumed by fire some months since, the Inhabitants of Boston labour under great inconveniency in want of a suitable place for transacting the publick business of said Town; and they find it necessary speedily to rebuild and repair the said Hall, not only to accomodate themselves as soon as may be, but also that they may not loose the benefit of the Walls yet standing. Ways and means for effecting this so much needed & necessary work have been considered of; but in their present distressed and difficult circumstances under repeated losses by fire & other ways, none appear so likely to Succeed as the raising [6.] Money therefor by a lottery especially as many Gentlemen are disposed to encourage the same. We therefore by order of said Inhabitants, lay the case before your Excellency and Honors, and pray that you would by an act impower some suitable persons to raise the sum of £———— for that purpose by lottery, which sum by an estimate made will be necessary to rebuild said Hall, or that your Excellency & Honors would grant the Town such relief as you in your great wisdom shall see meet, and your petitioners shall as in duty bound ever pray &c.

T. C. Selectmen of Boston

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 30th. 1761.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esqr
Samuel Hews Esqr.
John Scollay Esqr.
Benja Austin Esqr.
Mr. Sam. P. Savage
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis

Mr. John Grant one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1759 having produced receipts from the several Treasurers in full for the Tax committed to him to Collect for that Year.

Voted, that a draft be made on the Town Treasurer to pay him his ¼ part of the Premium allowed for Collecting the whole Tax in said Year.

[7.] Joshua Henshaw Esq, having apply'd for the Privilege of pasturing his Horses & Cow in the South Burying Ground at the bottom of the Common.

Voted, that the priviledge desired be granted him for the present year he paying therefor to the Town Treasurer £ ——— p. annum the Rent to commence ———

The Committee appointed to view Capt. Houghes new Building, Reported, That in their opinion no foundation could have been obtained for said Building without very great expence, whereupon Voted, That it is the Judgment of the Selectmen that he may go on with the same, provided he conforms to the law in making a pitch'd Roof that is answerable to a Stud of seven feet, and Slates and rough casts the Building.

Voted, that Mr. Scollay be desired to order needful repairs to the Walls on both sides Boston Neck.

Capt. Hews & Mr. Lewis a Committee to order & direct as to the repaving and mending the Streets in Corn Hill and the Streets near Dr. Sewalls and Mr. Demmings Houses.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 6, 1761 ——

Present
Thomas Cushing Esqr.
Samuel Hews Esqr.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esqr.
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis

[8.] A Letter of Mr. Henry Quincys directed to the Selectmen, praying that he may be permitted to open his Shop — which also inclosed the Doctors Certificate that he might do it with safety to the health of Inhabitants — was read and considered, where upon — Voted, that mr. Quincy have liberty to open his Shop next Wednesday.

Robert Lesley (a sick Man) was sent to the Almshouse this Day at the charge of the Province, by the Select men, he being a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province and unable to support himself.

Voted, that Mr. Thomas Williston have liberty to dig Graves &c. with Bond and Roulston in the Common and Church Burying Ground.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 15, 1761.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esqr.
Samuel Hews Esqr.
John Scollay Esqr.

Benj^{a}. Austin Esqr.
M^{r}. Samuel Sewall
M^{r}. Ezekiel Lewis

Chopin Sampson Master of the Sloop Betsy from Hallifax, having brought as a Passenger one Mary Richards, being ordered to attend the Selectmen, appeard; when he agreed & promissed that in case she became a charge to the Town he would be answerable [9.] for the same, and also engaged in that case to see her returned to Hallifax again.

M^{r}. John Vinal Usher of the South Writing School having apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to open a private School in this Town for the teaching of Writing & Arithmetick, out of School Hours.

Voted, that liberty be granted him accordingly.

Ordered that M^{r}. Ranstead have a draft on the Treasury for £. 1. 13. 4, being the sum allowed him out of the Moneys he has paid into the Town Treasury in Years past, it being for his extraordinary care and trouble with the Bulls till a new Cowkeeper was chosen.

On Wednesday the 2^{d}. of this Ins^{t}. April The Selectmen in Body visited the North Writing School, and introduced M^{r}. John Tileston as Master of that School. Their Chairman M^{r}. Cushing in the Name of the whole, inculcated upon the new Master, not only the common and more ordinary dutys of a good Schoolmaster, but also recommended to him such a conduct and behaviour, as the peculiar Circumstances of his School more especially demanded, and having expressed their hopes that the Just expectation of the Town from his appointment would be answer'd. The Chairman then addressed the Scholars, exhorting them to behave with all duty and [10.] Respect to their new Master — to improve with diligence and chearfulness, the happy advantages they were under for gaining usefull knowledge; and above all to avoid and shun those Vices and follys which the Youth of the present Day are too prone to indulge themselves in, and to cultivate and practese those Virtues, upon which not only their own happiness, but the future prosperity of the Community so greatly depended.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Five Shillings and four pence p. Bushel for Wheat and Four pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	0 -	8 -	2
Wheaten	0 -	12 -	13
Household	1 -	0 -	4
Two Penny white Loaf	1 -	0 -	4
Wheaten	1 -	8 -	6
Household	2 -	0 -	4
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	9 -	2
Household	6 -	8 -	10
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	2 -	4
Household	12 -	13	
Four Penny Brick Loaf	1 -	14 -	8

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 27. 1761 ——
Present
Thomas Cushing Esqr.
[11.] Samuel Hews Esqr.
M^{r}. Samuel Sewall
M^{r}. Ezekiel Lewis

Capt. James Cunningham Master of the Engine kept at the South End, informed that the Engine under his care was first brought to work at the Fire that broke out at m^{r}. Gridleys House, and desired that the Premium of Thirteen Shillings and four Pence granted by the Town may be allowed them.

Voted, that a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer for the same accordingly.

M^{r}. Samuel Whitwell applyd for liberty to remove his Sign Post from the House he now lives in, to the House he has lately built in Cornhill Street.

Voted, that he have liberty therefor.

Joseph Goldthwait Esq. apply'd to the Selectmen praying that he may be appointed as Undertaker for the sweeping of Chimneys in this Town, upon the Conditions it had formerly been granted him.

Voted, That M^{r}. Goldthwait be and hereby is appointed as Undertaker for the sweeping of Chimneys, provided that he employs in that Business a sufficient number of hands well acquainted with the Art of Sweeping, and also gives Bond as usual.

[12.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 29. 1763 (*sic*)
Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Austin Esq.
M^{r}. Ezekil Lewis

Abijah Adams was directed to provide a Cart for the Transportation of Joseph Leneau Family and Furniture to the Town of Dorchester, and the following was wrote the Select men of said Town.

We now send you Joseph Leneau one of the French People, he was Assigned to the Town of Dorchester sometime since by the General Court; we should have sent him before, but as you have already been informed he has been so ill as not to be capable of traveling. We have been at considerable expence for his support and relief during his sickness of which we shall transmit you an Account, and doubt not it will be honourably discharged; this Persons Wife and two Children its probable will accompany him; in case she or they should become chargeable to the Town, you'l let us know it, and we will either permit them to return, or will defrey what expence you may be at upon their Account

Your hum. servants
The Selectmen

[13.] M^{r}. John Tileston Master of the North Writing School appeared an^{d}. informed, that said School was so numerous that it

was impossible proper care should be taken of the Scholars without further help, and therefore pray'd that an Assistant might be provided for him; and having recommended James Carter Apprentice to M^r. Procter, as a suitable Person for an Assistant.

Voted, that M^r. Tileston be directed to engage said Carter as an assistant, upon terms that shall be approved of by the Select men.

Liberty is hereby granted to the Widow Blanchard to dig up the Pavement and open the Ground in Atkinson Street to repair her Drain; Upon Condition that he forthwith make good the Ground and Pavement to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

There being but two Bulls on the Common instead of three, which number the Town are by Law obliged to keep.

Voted, that M^r. Cushing be desired to purchase another as soon as may be.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 7. 1761. ——

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esqr.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
m^r. Samuel Sewall
m^r. Ezek^l. Lewis

[14.] Liberty is hereby granted M^r. Joseph Russell to dig up the Pavement and open the Ground in Milk Street, provided he forthwith make good the Ground & Pavements to the Satisfaction of the Select men.

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston (within their Precincts) that have an estate of forty shillings p. annum in Freehold in Land within this Province and Territory at the least, or other Estate to the value of Forty Pounds Sterling, to Convene at the Town House, on Tuesday the Twelfth of May Current at 9 o'Clock in the Forenoon, then and there to Elect and Depute, one or more Persons (being Freeholders and Resident in the Town) according to the number set and limited by an Act of the General Assembly to serve for and represent them in the Great and General Court or assembly, Appointed to be Convened held and kept for his Majestys service in the Court House in Boston upon Wednesday the twenty seventh Day of said May, and so De Die in Diem, during their Session & Sessions, according to a Precept under the hand and seal of Stephen Greanleaf Esq. Sheriff of the County of Suffolk bearing date the 23^d. [15.] Day of April in the First Year of his Majestys Reign Annoque Domini, 1761

And alike requiring them to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as the Law directs to Meet at the same time and place to Consider of the Petition of sundry Inhabitants for Paving part of Purchase Street; To know whether the Town will take any measures for the Repairs of Faneuil Hall in consequence of the Lottery granted by the General Court at

their last Session for that purpose; To consider whether anything further may be done to preserve the Town from the danger it is exposed to, by Chimnies frequently taking Fire; To receive the Reports of the Towns Committees on several Affairs. To choose an Overseer of the Poor, and a Warden in the room of Thomas Flucker Esq. lately removed to the Town of Charlestown, as also such other Officers as may be wanting; And to Act upon all such Matters and Things as stand referred over to said Meeting.

Voted, that the Rev^{d}. ——— be desired to open the Town Meeting on Tuesday the twelfth Instant with Prayer.

Voted that Messrs. Edes & Gill have the Printing of the Notefications for the ensuing Town Meeting.

[16.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 13. 1761. M^{r}. Lovel having acquainted the Selectmen, that the Pump at his Yard was so greatly damaged, that he feared a new one would be found necessary; he was thereupon directed to apply to M^{r}. Reed the Block maker, to examine said Pump & if not fit for repairs, that a new one might be provided.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 20, 1761. ——

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hewes Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
M^{r}. Samuel Sewall
M^{r}. Sam. P. Savage
M^{r}. Ezek^{l}. Lewis

Robert Williams whose House was consumed in the late Fire, informed the Selectmen, that he had rebuilt the and proposed to carry on the Retailing Business there as usual provided he was favoured with their approbation.

Voted, that he be accordingly approbated.

M^{r}. Lesly (or Lesley) a Blind Man at the Almshouse on y^{e}. Charge of the Province attended, and informed the Select men that he was desirous of returning to England from whence he came [17.] As a Soldier, and in order to this he was for getting sent to Philadelphia where he had some Friends, but wanted Money to pay for his passage there home, whereupon

Voted, that M^{r}. —— be desired to direct his friend at Philadelphia to procure him a passage from thence, the amount of the Charge to be paid him here upon advice thereof.

Messrs. Scollay Austin & Savage appointed a Committee to consider of some proper method for carrying into effect an Order of the Town relative to the filling up the Dock & to Report at the next Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 23^{d}. 1761 ——

Present

Thomas Cushing Esqr.
Samuel Hews Esqr.

John Scollay Esqr.
Benjamin Austin Esqr.
M^{r}. Samuel Sewall
M^{r}. Sam. P. Savage

The Selectmen having had Complaint made them of great disturbances committed for several Nights past, by a number of disorderly Persons, walking about in a riotous manner, breaking Windows &c. [**16.**] (*sic*) Voted that there be a number of Persons added to the Town Watch, and that the Captains of the several Fire Engines be directed to attend the Selectmen at 3 Clock this afternoon and that they be desired to furnish for a few Nights ensuing Fifteen men out of their respective Companys, or otherwise to assist the Watch in guarding the Town, and in their endeavours, to suppress those disorders It was further

Voted, that for their encouragement they shall be allowed Eight Dollars for each Man, they shall legally convict of being guilty of any such disorders, either by taking them in the fact, or procuring such evidence as shall be sufficient therefor.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 23^{d}. 1761 P.M.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esqr.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
M^{r}. Samuel Sewall
M^{r}. Sam. P. Savage

At the request of the Select men the followin Captains of the Engines attended, and agreable to their desire, engaged to furnish the Watch with fifteen Men out of their several Companys.

Captains of Engines vizt.

Brown
Bently
Brown
Read
Greenleaf
Putnam
Sutton
Cunningham
Barnard

[**17.**] (*sic*) Messrs. Greanleaf, Sutton and Putnam agreed to find five Men each and to walk the ensuing Nights, in order to suppress disorders.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 25, 1761 ——

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
M^{r}. Samuel Sewall
M^{r}. Sam. P. Savage
M^{r}. Ezekiel Lewis

Capt. Thomas Read master of Engine N°. 5, informed that the Engine under his care was first brought to work at the Fire that broke out at the Prison, and desired that the Premium of thirteen Shillings and four Pence granted by the Town may be allowed them.

Voted, that a draft be made on the Town Treasurer for the same accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 26, 1761.

Present
John Scollay Esqr.
Benjamin Austin Esqr.
Samuel Sewall Esqr.
M^{r}. Sam. P. Savage
M^{r}. Ezek^{l}. Lewis

[18.] John Ruddock Esqr. one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1759 having produced Receipts from the several Treasurers in full for the Tax committed to him to Collect for that year.

Voted, that a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer to pay him his $\frac{1}{4}$ part of the Premium allowed for Collecting the whole Tax in said Year.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 3^{d}. 1761.

Present
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esqr.
Samuel Sewall
M^{r}. Ezek^{l}. Lewis
M^{r}. Sam. P. Savage

Capt. James Barnard of Engine N. 3. proposed Abraham Sutham as an Engine man in the room of Nathl. Woodward deceased; who was approbated by the Select men accordingly.

Voted, that Messrs. Sewall Hews & Lewis be a Committee to confer with the Abutters on Bacon Hill relative to their digging of Gravel & Sand to the damage of said Hill — to Report as soon as may be.

Messrs. Savage and Sewall were desired to procure a passage for Elizabeth Gold to New York.

[19.] Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Five Shillings and four Pence p. Bushell for Wheat and four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz-	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	0 -	8 -	2
Wheaten		12 -	13
Household	1 -	0 -	4
Two Penny White	1 -	0 -	4
Wheaten	1 -	8 -	6
Household	2 -	0 -	4
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	9 -	2
Household	6 -	8 -	10

Twelve Penny Wheaten	9 - 2 - 4
Household	12 - 13 -
Four Penny Brick Loaf	1 - 14 - 8

At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 10th. 1763 (*sic*)
Present
Samuel Hews Esqr.
John Scollay Esqr.
Benjamin Austin Esqr.
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr. Samuel P. Savage
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis
(Warrant for Town meeting minuted July 22d.)
(marginal note)

[20.] Capt. Tyleston and Mr. Ruggles attended, and acquainted the Selectmen that they were ready to comply with the Vote of the Town and their Agreement with the Selectmen as to repairing of Faneuil Hall; upon which they were desired to provide the necessary Stuff and proceed in the work as fast as possible.

Agreable to a Vote of the Town at their Meeting in March last relating the filling up the Town Dock; the Select men this Day agreed with mr. Thomas Bayley to build the Head & make the Drain, and do the Carpenters work that may be necessary conforming to the directions he may from time to time receive from the Selectmen — to be paid — /p. Day for his work and to have a draft on the Town Treasurer for the amount thereof, when the same shall become due.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 19, 1763 (*sic*)
Present
John Scollay Esqr.
Benjamin Austin Esqr.
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis

Capt. James Kerkwood Master of Briggne. Sea Home from Lisbond, Reports this Day arrived here. [21.] From that place which he left 26t. April; that while he lay there one of his Men was taken down with the Small Pox, who recovered before he left Lisbond, & that he took all possible care to cleanse his Vessell from any Infection; about four Days before his departure another of his Men was seized as he imagines with the same distemper, he was very delirious thot. little of the Pox appeared upon him, that about five Days after he sayled this Man died, after which his Cloathing Bedding and everything about him were thrown over board, and all proper care taken afterward, to prevent his Vessell being infected — that his Cargo consists of Salt in the hold, and some Lemmon between Decks, that his Hatches had been constantly opened between the Sterage — that where the Lemmons were stored there is two Bulk heads, so that he imagines no Infection can possibly be in his Vessell, or in any part of his Cargo. further that all the Mens Chests, and Cloaths had been aired.

Voted, that it is the opinion of the Selectmen that Capt. Kirkwood may unload his Vessell with safety to the Town.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 24^{t}. 1761.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hewes Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
M^{r}. Samuel Sewall
M^{r}. Ezekiel Lewis

[22.] Voted, that the Selectmen visit the Publick Schools in this Town, on Wednesday the first Day of July next, and that the following Gentlemen be desired to accompany them therein, Viz^{t}.

His Excelleney the Governor
His Honor the Lien^{t}. Governor
The Honble. John Osborne Esqr.
The Honble. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
The Honble. Samuel Wells Esqr.
The Honble. Andrew Oliver Esqr.
The Honble. John Erving Esqr.
The Honble. James Bowdoin Esqr.
The Honble. Thomas Hubbard Esqr.
The Honble. Thomas Hancock Esqr
M^{r}. Speaker Otis
M^{r}. Treasurer Gray
M^{r}. Sheriff Greanleaf
The Gentlemen the Representatives of Boston
The Rev^{d}. Joseph Sewall DD.
The Rev^{d}. Charles Chancey DD.
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Pemberton
The Rev^{d}. Andrew Elliot
The Rev^{d}. Samuel Cooper
The Rev^{d}. Samuel Chickley
The Rev^{d}. Alexander Cummings
Richard Dana Esqr.
Thomas Barker Esqr. (Stranger)
John Ruddock Esqr.
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
[23.] Joseph Jackson Esqr.
Ezek^{l}. Goldthwait Esq.
Andrew Oliver Esq.
Samuel Wentworth Esq.
Capt. William Taylor
Natheniel Bethune Esq.
Joshua Winslow Esq.
Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Hooper
M^{r}. William Winter
D^{r}. Sprague
M^{r}. Oxenbridge Thacher
M^{r}. John Avery
M^{r}. John Box
M^{r}. James Perkins

Mr. Treasurer Jeffries
Belcher Noyes Esq.
Benjamin Pratt Esq.
Capt. Benjamin Hammatt
Mr. Alexander Hill
The Gentlemen Overseers of the Poor.

Ordered that Mr. Williston give seasonable notice to the several Gentlemen of this Appointment, and that they are desired to meet at the Town House at Nine Clock in the morning of said Day, and that he acquaint the several School masters therewith.

Voted, That there be a Dinner provided for the above Gentlemen on the Day for visiting the Schools.

[24.] Mr. Brown Captain of Engine No. 2. attended, and pray'd the Select men that upon account of his Bodily Infermities an Assistant might be granted, and having proposed Job Hunt as a proper Person,

Voted that the said Job Hunt be & hereby is admitted as an Engine Man, in said Company.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 29. 1761 ——

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr. Ezekl. Lewis
Mr. Sam. P. Savage

Mr. Jonathan Payson one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1759 having produced Receipts from the several Treasurers in full for the Tax Committed to him to Collect for that Year,

Voted, That a Draft be made on the Town Treasury to pay him his 1/4 part of the Premium allowed for Collecting the whole Tax in said Year.

Dr. Myles Whitworth attended, and Reports, — That there is under his care as Physician of the Poor at the Almshouse, two Persons vizt. John Bennet an Inhabitant of Great Britain, & Thomas mcDaniel an Inhabitant of Ireland, both of whom he looks upon as Incurables — also that Jeremiah Buxon [25.] A. Foreigner, in the Hospital at Rainsford Island is a Person Non Compos Mentis, and consequently a proper Subject for the Almshouse.

Messrs. Sewall and Lewis appointed a Committee to see that Anne Street and Fish Street be speedily repaved.

Ordered that our Clerk be directed to write the Town Clerk of Cape Ann for a Certificate from the Clerk of their Sessions that Samuel Pool and Family had been warned out of said Town in a Legal manner

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 14t, 1761. ——

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq

John Scolley Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Mr. Sam. P. Savage

Messrs. Cushing Sewall & Lewis a Committee to advise with Mr. Andrews the Carpenter, about repairing the Hospital at New Boston.

Ordered, that Messrs. Hews & Austin be desired to provide a passage in the first Vessell for England, for one Bennett an Incurable at the Alms house.

[26.] Ordered, That the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Five Shillings and Four Pence p Bushel for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		8	2
Wheaten		12	13
Household	1	0	4
Two Penny White Loaf	1	0	4
Wheaten	1	8	6
Household	2	0	4
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	4	9	2
Household	6	8	10
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	9	2	4
Household	12	13	
Four Penny Brick Loaf	1	14	8

Whereas by an Act of the General Court at their last Session, the Select men of Boston, have some new powers granted as to the Appointment and regulation of the Watch in said Town.

Voted, that for the present the following Persons be and hereby are Appointed the Town Watch — Vizt.

Messrs. Thomas Williston
John Roustead
John Procter
Thomas Bradford
Joseph Gardner
[27.] Thomas Thorp
Charles Gilkey
Isaac Peirce
Isaac Townsend
Jonas Clark
George Haislup
John Holbrook
David Lenox
Moses Barnes
John Jenkins
Abiah Holbrook

The Selectmen have agreed to go with Thoms. Goldthwait Esq. to Deer Island the next Week, there to examin, whether the Conditions of his Lease for said Island has been fulled by him.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 22d. 1761.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benj^e Austin Esq.
M^r. Sam. P. Savage
M^r. Ezek^l. Lewis

Capt. Cunningham Master of Engine N°. 8. having informed the Selectmen, that he declined serving any longer in that capasity.

[28.] Voted, That David Wheeler be and hereby is Appointed Master of the Engine N. 8. in the room of Capt. James Cunningham who has resigned, and that his Orders are given him accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June last Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and rateable at Twenty Pounds, Estate to a single Rate, beside the Poll; to Convene at the Town House on Wednesday the 10th Day of June Curr^t. at 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon, then and there to consider whether they will be at the charge of increasing the number of Watchmen, and advancing their Wages, or enter into any other measures, for the better security of the Town; And to Act upon such other matters as may properly come before said Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 22^d.

The Sealers of Wood attended by Order; and were reprimanded by the Selectmen, for not pursuing the several steps of the Law relative to Cord Wood, particularly as to the length of the Wood, and the Marking of the Wharfingers Carts; And upon the whole were directed to discharge their Duty in a better [29.] Manner for the future, which alone would prevent their being removed from that Office, and the Appointment of others in their room.

Capt. David Wheeler of Engine N. 8. kept at the South End of the Town, proposed, mess^rs. Aaron May, Robert Fairservice, William Wheeler and John Lovering as Engine Men in the room of four others who had resigned.

Voted, that the above named Persons, be admitted as Engine Men in said Company in the room of those which had resign'd.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 11, 1761.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq
M^r. Sam. P. Savage
M^r. Ezek^l. Lewis

Liberty is hereby Granted Joshua Winslow Esq. to dig up the

Pavement and open the Ground near the Sign of ye Lamb in order to repair a Drain, provided he forthwith make good the Ground & Pavement.

Liberty is hereby granted to Will. B. Townsend Esq. & others a Comm^{ee}. of the Old Brick Church to dig up the Pavement & open the Ground, near D^r. Chaney's House, in order to repair their Drain; provided they forthwith make good the Ground and restore the Pavement.

[29½.] Ordered, That the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Five Shillings and four Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and Four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^t.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		8	2
Wheaten		12	13
Houshold	1	0	4
Two Penny White Loaf	1	0	4
Wheaten	1	8	6
Houshold	2	0	4
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	4	9	2
Houshold	6	8	10
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	9	2	4
Houshold	12	13	
Four Penny Brick Loaf	1	14	8

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 12, 1761.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
M^r. Samuel Sewall
M^r. Sam. P. Savage
M^r. Ezek^l. Lewis

The Overseers of the Poor having applyed to the Selectmen, For liberty to break Ground near the Work house Gate, in order for emptying a Valt — Liberty was accordingly Granted, provided they forth with made good the Ground.

Ordered, That the several Retailers within this Town be once more informed & Notified — That in case they should hence forward, sell or deliver Rum & other Spiritous Liquors to Negro & Moletta Servants, not bringing Certificates from their Masters, or shall allow Persons to sit tipling in their Houses; they may depend upon being dealt with according to the severity of the Law; And that proper Persons are appointed by the Selectmen to notice all offences against said Law. — It was further Ordered that printed Notifications of their resolutions should be sent to every Retailer.

Scipio a Free Negro who came Passenger in Capt. ——— from Philadelphia appeard, and offered to enter into Bonds for £.100 lawful Money as the Law directs; that he shall not become any

charge to the Town; He proposed Benjamin Kent Esq. as a Bondsman, and he was accordingly accepted by the Selectmen.

This Day the Select men agreable to their Vote of July 14th went to Deer Island, in order to see whether mr. Goldthwait had full-filled the Conditions upon which said Island had been Leased to him; and having view'd the Premisses found that mr. Goldthwait had Rebuilt the House, and finished it ac- [30.] cording to Agreement, excepting the Chamber Floors, which he engaged should imediately be new laid as also to ceil the Chambers and secure the Sammers which support the lower Floors, by building Brick Pillars under the same, all which he promised should be done forthwith.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 15, 1761.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis
Mr. Sam. P. Savage

Mr. Abijah Adams was directed by the Selectmen to apply unto Hugh Hall Esq. for his Fine of Forty Shillings, he having admitted mr. William Tayler into one of his Houses, without acquainting the Selectmen in due season.

Also to John Rowe Esq. for his Fine he having admitted Richard Sutton in like manner.

Also to Samuel Clough for his Fine, he having Admitted one Ann Barratt in like manner.

Voted, that Messrs. Abijah Adams, Thomas Williston & Francis Salmon be & hereby are appointed to notice [31.] Any Breakers of the Law, relative to driving Carriages on the Lords Days; and Carts Trucks &c. on other Days, and to prosecute for every such Offence — and that the Clerk Advertise in the Publick News Papers this Resolution of the Selectmen.

Voted, That Messrs. Scollay and Austin be a Commee to attend the tryal of the Cause now depending between the Town of Boston and Gillam Phillips Esq. relative to a Pasture at or near Fort Hill.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 18, 1761

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr. Sam. P. Savage
Mr. Ezekl. Lewis

The Selectmen having received the Petition of a number of the Inhabitants praying that a Town Meeting may be called as soon as may be, for reasons in said Petition set forth.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston,

[32.] In his Majesty's Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate, beside the Poll to Convene at the Town House on Monday the 24t. Day of August Curr. at 3. o Clock in the Afternoon, then and there to receive the Report of a Committee Appointed to make Application to the General Court for Relief with respect to their proportion of the Publick Taxes, and to consider whether they will give them any further Instructions & Powers or otherwise determine what may be still necessary to be done relative to this matter; To consider of the Petition of a number of the Inhabitants, praying that the Town would give such Orders for the further filling up the Town Dock as they may judge necessary; Also a Petition of Joseph Bradford & Robert Williams, relative to a Fish House on said Dock; And to Act upon all such other Matters as may properly come before said Meeting.

Voted, that mr. Savage be desired to get mr. Leach to take a Survey of Land about the Dock, and to assertain the bearings of the Land, with the Common Shore lately made in ye Dock.

[33.] Messrs. Scollay Austin & Savage a Committee to view the Fish House standing on the Town Land near the Dock and examin whether it will answer for a Watch House, and in case it will answer for that purpose, to get some Persons to appraise the same.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 19, 1761.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr. Sam P. Savage
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis

Mr. Lazenby was desired by the Selectmen to let his People take the Dung now lying near the South School house, being deemed an Incumbrance, and spread the same on the Common.

Mr. Nathaniel Brown Master of Engine N. —. having acquainted the Selectmen, that by reason of Bodyly disorders he must decline serving any longer in that capasity, and also recommended mr. Gibbins Sharp as a suitable Person to supply his place.

Voted, that mr. Gibbins Sharp be & hereby is appointed [34.] Master of Engine N —. in the room of Nathaniel Brown who has resigned; and that Orders be given him accordingly.

Voted, That the Town Clerk be directed to read the Minutes of the transactions of the Selectmen at their several Meetings in future, before said Meetings are up, that there may be no omission in the entrys of any thing that is proper matter of Record.

The Assessors were desired to furnish the Selectmen with a List of the Inhabitants of the Town in order for compleating of the Jury Box.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 20, 1761.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr. Sam. P. Savage
Mr. Ezekl. Lewis

Mr. Increase Blake, Sealer of Weights and Measures having resign'd that place on Account of Bodyly disorders, The Selectmen together with the Constables of the Town met and proceeded to the choice of another Person for that Office [35.] By a Hand Vote when mr. Increase Blake Junr. was chosen, and his Name returned to the Clerk of the Sessions.

The Selectmen on Wednesday the 1st. of July last Visited the Publick Schools in the Town, accompanied by the following Gentlemen, Vizt.

His Excellency the Governor
The Honble. Samuel Wells Esq
The Honble. Andrew Oliver Esq
The Honble. James Bowdoin Esq
The Honble. Thomas Hancock Esq
The Honble. James Otis Esq.
The Representatives of the Town
The Revd. Joseph Sewall DD.
The Revd. Charles Chancey DD.
The Revd. Ebenezer Pemberton
The Revd. Andrew Elliot
The Revd. Samuel Cooper
The Revd. Samuel Checkley Junr.
The Revd. Alexander Cummings
The Gentlemen Overseers of the Poor
Joshua Winslow Esq
Mr. Treasurer Jeffries
Thomas Barker Esq. (a Stranger)
Joshua Henshaw Esq
Joseph Jackson Esq
Ezekiel Goldthwait Esq
[36.] Samuel Whentworth Esq
Capt. William Taylor
Mr. William Winter
Dr. Sprague
Mr. Oxenbridge Thacher
Richard Dana Esq
Mr. John Avery
Mr. John Box
Mr. James Perkins
Revd. mr. Hooper
Belcher Noyes Esq
Cap. Benjamin Hammatt
Mr. Alexander Hill

And found that in the North Grammar School, there was Fifty

seven (57) Scholars; at the North Writing School 157 Scholars, at the South Grammar School 117 Scholars, at the South Writing School 234 Scholars. At the Writing School in Queen Street 249 Scholars, all in very good order.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 25, 1761.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Mr. Sam. P. Savage
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis

[37.] Mr. Blake a Fisherman apply'd to the Select men for liberty to set up a Fish House at the End of Summer Street near the Bull Tavern. Liberty was granted him accordingly, provided he pays one Dollar p. Annum to the Town as a consideration of said Priviledge of a Fish Market.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Five Shillings and eight Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and Four Pence p. Bushel is allowed the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood — also Ordered that three Ounces be allowed on White Brick Bread, more than on the Loaf Bread, it appearing to us that there is that difference; which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	0	7	10
Wheaten	0	11	9
Houshold	0	15	7
Two Penny White Loaf	0	15	7
Wheaten	1	7	3
Houshold	1	14	4
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	4	5	8
Houshold	5	12	11
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	8	11	
Household	11	9	6
Four Penny Brick Loaf	1	11	4

[38.] Mr. Benjamin Bagnal informed the Selectmen that his Son Benjamin was returned from Rhode Island, and purposed to make this Town the Place of his abode

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 2d, 1761.

Present

Benjamin Austin Esq
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr. Samuel P. Savage
Mr. Ezekl. Lewis

Messrs. Griffin & Daws and others, apply'd to the Selectmen for a Draft on the Treasury for £. 100 — lawful Mony, being the Sum Voted them by the Town at a late Meeting to enable to go on with the Paving of Purchase Street, as by the Town Vote more fully appears.

Ordered, that messrs. Griffin & Daws have a Draft for the sd.

Sum of One hundred Pounds, they having in the opinion of the Selectmen complied with the Conditions of said Grant.

M^{rs}. Mary Simpson apply'd to the Selectmen for their approbation as an Innholder in the House where her late Brother William Cowell kept Tavern.

Voted, That the consideration thereof be referred to another Meeting.

[39.] M^{r}. Samuel Adams one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1759, having produced Receipts from the several Treasurers in full for the Tax committed to him to Collect for that Year.

Voted, that a Draft be made on the Town Treasury to pay him his One Quarter part of the Premium allowed for Collecting the whole Tax in said Year.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, September 14, 1763 (*sic*).

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq.
M^{r}. Samuel Sewall
M^{r}. Sam P. Savage

M^{r}. Cushing is desired to repair the Rail Fence round the Common.

The Selectmen agreed. That the Water running from Dr. Noyes's and near m^{r}. Easneau's Door be so turned as to run under the new Watch House now building at the East End of the Town Shop improved by Thomas Hubbard Esq. there to have a Paved Gutter. and from the North end of which to pass under Ground into the Common Shore through a large Wooden Trunch.

Also that the Water running down Wing's Lane be continued [40.] To the Capstan of the Wharf so near the South East Corner of the Shop now improved by Messrs. Scott & Hill as to leave to said Shop a commodious Foot path, and from thence be conveyed under Ground into the Common Shore, by a large Wooden Trunk.

Also that the Water leading from Deacon Grants be continued to the Capstan of the Wharf at the South West Corner of the House now improved by m^{r}. Cobourn and from thence be conveyed under Ground to the Common Shore thro' a large Wooden Trunk; and that Messrs. Scollay, Austin & Savage (a Committee before Appointed for this Business) be desired to effect the same as soon as may be. Also Agreed, that the aforenamed Committee be desired to contract with some suitable Person or Persons to sink and Stone a Well as a Reservoir for Sea Water, to be used in case of Fire.

John Hicks admitted as a Watchman in the Town House Watch, during good behavour.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 23^{d}. 1761. Passed upon M^{r}. Samuel Proctors Province Accounts.

Mr. Williston was directed, to desire the Scavengers to attend the Select men next Monday.

[41.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, September 28, 1761.

Present.

Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr. Sam. P. Savage
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis

Mr. Lewis informed the Selectmen that he had taken into his Family one Frederick a French Palattine, who came last from Waltham where he had resided with one Woodburne a Tavern-keeper.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 30, 1761.

Present.

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis

Ordered, that the Assessors be acquainted that all such Persons as have built Houses in a manner contrary to an Act of this Province relative to the Erecting of Buildings &c. in the Town of Boston; should be taxed by them on Account thereof agreable to a Law made and provided for that purpose.

Whereas agreable to a late Vote of the Town a number [42.] Of Ladders are now provided for the use of the Inhabitants in case of Fire — Messrs. Cushing Sewall and Lewis are Appointed a Committee to determine on proper places for depositing the same.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 7, 1761.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis

On the 5. Instant the Selectmen endorsed a Warrant from the Governor and Council on Harrison Gray Esq. Treasurer for £151 ,, 6 ,, 8 in favor of Mr. David Jeffries Town Treasurer, being for the support of the Province Poor in the Almshouse from March 1. 1761 to October 1st. 1761.

Mr. Thomas Bentley Master of Engine N. 1. Attended and informed the Select men, that he could not serve the Town any longer in that capasity and recommended Mr. John Baker as a suitable Person to supply his place.

Voted, that Mr. John Baker be and hereby is appointed Master

of Engine N. 1. in the room of Capt. Thomas Bentley [43.] Who has resigned, and that his Orders be given him accordingly.

Capt. John Baker of Fire Engine N°. 1. proposed Jonathan Lowe, Richard Green and Joshua Pico as Engine men in the room of three others who had resign'd.

Voted that the said Lowe Green & Pico be Admitted as Engine men in said Company in the room of those who had resign'd.

Jeremiah Green Esq. Commander of the South Battery attended, the Selectmen by their desire, when he acquainted them, that by vertue of an Order from the late Governor Sherley Dated June 13th. 1746. he had delivered the following Peices of Cannon, which belonged to the Town, July 7. 1746.

Viz^{t}.

1 Cannon N^{o}.	6	10 Pounder
1 ditto	7	10 ditto
1 ditto	8	14 ditto
1 ditto	9	14 ditto
1 ditto	10	16 ditto
1 ditto	11	14 ditto

Also that by Order of our present Governor M^{r}. Bernard bearing date July 7. 1761. he had delivered Two Peices of Cannon being, 18 Pounders, whereupon,

Voted, that Messrs. Cushing and Hewes be a Committee to wait upon his Excellency Governor Bernard relative [44.] To the Cannon taken from the Town by vertue of his and Governor Shirleys Orders.

Capt. James Dean of Schooner Endeavor belonging to Casco Bay was sent for, and Bonds demanded of him to indemnific the Town from any Charge that may arise on Account of Margaret Hominia, brought by him into this Town from Hallifax.

The Sealers of Wood attended by Order, and were directed by the Selectmen to mark the several Carts improved by the Wharfingers in Carting Wood as follows, Viz^{t}

M^{r}. Hatches	Carts	N°. 1
M^{r}. Boyes	ditto	2
M^{r}. Phillips's	ditto	3
M^{r}. Moores	ditto	4
M^{r}. Bradfords	ditto	5
M^{r}. Rogers's	ditto	6
M^{r}. Cochrans	ditto	7
M^{r}. Richies	ditto	8
M^{r}. Ballards	ditto	9

The Wharfingers were also directed to have their several Carts measured, and the Measure so marked on their Carts as that every one may plainly discerne the same. And the Sealers of Wood, were Ordered to see that those Directions were fully executed.

[45.] Ordered, That the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Six Shillings p. Bushel for Wheat and four Pence p. Bushel is allowed the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood — Also that three Ounces be allowed them on White Brick Bread more than on the White Loaf Bread; all which is computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	0	7	5
Wheaten	0	11	
Houshold	0	14	10
Two Penny White Loaf	0	14	10
Wheaten	1	6	
Houshold	1	13	4
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	4	1	15
Houshold	5	6	15
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	8	3	14
Houshold	10	11	14
Four Penny Brick Loaf	1	10	4

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 8. 1761. —

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis

[46.] The Selectmen having considered the Vote which the Town passed at their Meeting May 12t relative to a Well or Reservoir of Water at the Dock to serve in case of Fire.

The Question was put, Whether they had by vertue of said Vote a power to dig one or more Wells for fresh Water, which passed in the affermative.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 19, 1761.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr. Sam. P. Savage
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis

Mr. Hartley came up from the Hospital at Rainsford's Island and Reported — That he had been on board the Flagg of Truce Sloop Capt. Andrew from Martinique, and thoroughly smoaked and cleansed said Vessell, so that she is now in a condition to come up to Town — That he had taken out of said Sloop Eight Persons, two of them sick with the Small Pox, two others that have not had the distemper, and the other four Persons that have had it formerly, that those better having been sufficiently air'd and cleansed, are now in circumstances to come up to [47.] Town, also that the Captain desired that himself and four of his People above mentioned, might be permitted to leave the Island, and come up to Town with the Vessell.

Voted, that the Flagg of Truce be permitted to leave the Island together with the four Persons who have had the Small Pox formerly, and that a Certificate be given his Excellency the Governor, accordingly.

The Selectmen were informed that one of the Sailors belonging to the Flagg of Truce named John Sutton had left said Vessell while she lay at Plymouth, and was now in this Town, having been seen at the Widow Brown's House nigh Mr. Page's Ship Yard, where he had left some of his Cloaths. — Upon this information Mr. Williston was directed to endeavour finding said Person, and when found to order him to attend the Selectmen.

John Sutton appear'd according to order, and after examination, was sent down to Rainsfords Island with Mr. Hartley, who was directed to see him well aird & cleansed and not to permit his leaving the Island, till further Orders.

A Certificate of the Flagg of Truce Capt. Andrew being in Circumstances to come up to Town, was sent his Excellency and is as follows, vizt.

[48.] May it please your Excellency

The Flagg of Truce from Martinique lately Ordered to Rainsfords Island as having the Small Pox on board, has been sufficiently smoked aird and cleansed, and we are of opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the health of the Inhabitants if your Excellency think fit. We are

Your Excellencys Most Obed. Humb. Servts.

THOMAS CUSHING
SAM. HEWS
BENJ. AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL ESQ.
S. P. SAVAGE
EZEKL. LEWIS
Selectmen

Boston October 19.

To His Excellency Francis Bernard Esq

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octor. 21, 1761.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr. Ezekl. Lewis

Mrs. Tilley who lived with her Father George Tilley lately deceased apply'd to the Selectmen for their Approbation of her as an Inholder in the same House the remainder of the Year [49.] and was approbated accordingly.

Mr. Williston informed that the Gates of the Common Burial Ground were so much decayed, as to render the entrance unsafe.

Mr. Cushing was desired to get the same repair'd as soon as may be.

Mrs. Simpson apply'd to the Select men for their approbation as an Inholder in the House where she now lives in lately kept by her Brother William Cowell deceased, which House has been a licensed one for near forty years. And was Approbated accordingly.

Mr. William Philips acquainted the Selectmen that he had taken

into his Family one Edward Tayler as a Labourer, which Person lately arriv'd here from Ireland.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^{r}. 28, 1761.——
Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hewes Esq.
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq.
M^{r}. Samuel Sewall
M^{r}. Sam. P. Savage
M^{r}. Ezekiel Lewis

[50.] Samuel Trescott was admitted as a Watchman in the South Watch in the room of John Procter, now at Sea.

M^{r}. Nathaniel Brown was directed to deliver unto M^{r}. Moses Pitcher all the Sashes saved from Faneuil Hall Market, at the late Fire, which said Brown had the charge of.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, November 4, 1761.
Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq
M^{r}. Samuel Sewall
M^{r}. Sam. P. Savage
M^{r}. Ezek^{l}. Lewis

Messrs. Francis Salmon, William Dorrington, Samuel McClure & Stephen Syms appeared, and proposed themselves for Constables of the several Watches in this Town.

Gentlemen

We have directed the bearer to convey to you one Rachel Felt an Inhabitant of your Town who is a Person greatly disordered in her senses, and as such a one ought not to be permitted to go at large. If she should return to this Town she must be confined at our Alms house and the charge of her [51.] Maintenance defreyed by your Town Your humble Servants

Boston Novr. 4. 1761 The Selectmen

To The Selectmen of Attleborrough

Voted, that Samuel McClure be and hereby is admitted and appointed Head or Constable of the Watch at the Town Dock, and Isaac Townsend James Clark, George Haislup John Holbrook Robert m^{c}Elroy and William Austin, are admitted as Watchmen in said Watch.

Voted, that William Dorrington be and hereby is appointed the Head or Constable of the Watch at the North end, and Abiah Holbrook, Isaac Peirce Moses Barron, & David Lenox are admitted as Watchmen in said Watch.

Voted, that Francis Salmon be and hereby is appointed Head or Constable of the Watch at the Town House, and John Jenkins, M^{r}. Hicks, Ichabod Williston and Thomas Thorp are admitted as Watchmen in said Watch.

Voted, that Stephen Symms, be & hereby is Appointed Head or Constable of the Watch at the South End of the Town, and John

Roustead Thomas Bradford, Joseph Gardner & Samuel Trescott are admitted as Watchmen in said Watch.

[52.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^{r}. 7, 1761.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Six Shillings p. Bushel for Wheat and four Pence p. Bushel is allowed the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	0 -	7 -	5
Wheaten	0 -	11 -	
Houshold	0 -	14 -	10
Two Penny White Loaf	0 -	14 -	10
Wheaten	1 -	6 -	0
Houshold	1 -	13 -	4
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	1 -	15
Houshold	5 -	6 -	15
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	3 -	14
Houshold	10 -	11 -	14
Four Penny Brick Loaf	1 -	10 -	4

Mem^{o}. a 4^{d}. Brick Loaf weighs 3 oz. less than a 4^{d}. White Loaf

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^{r}. 11, 1763. (*sic*) ——

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq.
M^{r}. Samuel Sewall
M^{r}. Ezekiel Lewis

[53.] Capt. Ballard and M^{r}. Emmons in behalf of themselves and others incommoded by a Drain or Sink which runs through Paddys Alley, apply'd to the Selectmen for redress.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 13, 1761.——

Present
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
M^{r}. Samuel Sewall
M^{r}. Ezekiel Lewis

The Selectmen having duly considered the Vote of the Town relative to the Town Watch, agreed that the following Orders be given to the Constables of all the Divisions of said Watch excepting that at the Town Dock; and the Clerk is directed to make fair Drafts of the same for said Constables.

The Selectmen having appointed you —— Constable of the Watch at —— do Order and direct.

1^{t}. That you with the Watch men under you attend at said Watch House at the hours of 9 o'Clock every Night from the 20^{t} of September to the 20 of March, and at the Hours of 10. Clock from the 20^{t} March to the 20^{t}. of September, and that you and each of

you continue upon duty untill [54.] Sunrise, and if any of your Division should misbehave you must inform the Selectmen of it.

2d. That you keep a fair Journal of your doings every Night, how you find the state of the Town, and who of the Watchmen are on duty. and Report to the Selectmen every Wednesday.

3d. That two at least of your Division taking their Staves with them, walk the rounds within your Ward twice at least every Night, and oftener if necessary, setting out from the Watch House at such times in the Night as you shall Judge best, but varying the time according to your discretion.

4th. In going the rounds care must be taken that the Watchmen are not noisy, but behave with the strictest decorum, that they frequently give the time of the Night and what the Weather is with a moderate Voice.

5th. You and your Division must endeavour to suppress all routs riots and other disorders that may be committed in the Night, and secure such persons as may be guilty, that you may the next Morning take such steps as the Law directs for a prosecution.

6th. You are to take up all Negroes Indian & Molotta [55.] Slaves, that may be absent from their Masters Houses, after 9 o Clock at Night, unless they can give a good and satisfactory Account of their business.

7th. The Selectmen recommend to you and your Division that you behave with sobriety temperance vigilance and fidelity — your Office requires such a Conduct, the security of the Town demands it, and you may be assured that your continuance in the place to which you are appointed to all together depends upon it.

It is further Agreed by the Selectmen, that in the Orders to be given the Constable of the Dock Watch instead of the Article No. 3 in the other Orders, the following shall be inserted — vizt.

That two at least of your Division taking their Staves with them walk the rounds within your Ward to the Westward of your Watch house twice every Night and oftener if necessary, and that other two of your Division walk the rounds in the same manner to the Eastward of the Watch house amongst the Warehouses and down the Long Wharf, and as this Ward contains much of the Inhabitants Substance, we recommend great care in the [56.] Inspection thereof, — that one of your Division, constantly when the Weather will admit of it walk to and from the Market across the Drain into Union Street as far as Mr. Salter's shop, and that he hale all Persons passing along after such time of the night as you shall order.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novemr. 16, 1761.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr. Sam. P. Savage
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis

M^r^. Richards applyed to the Selectmen for liberty to open a Drain in a Street near the Sign of the Schooner in Distress.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^r^. 18, 1761.

Present
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
M^r^. Samuel Sewall
M^r^. Sam. P. Savage
M^r^. Ezek^l^. Lewis

[57.] M^r^. Adams was directed to make enquiry of Capt. Loring lately from Plymouth, whose Wife died some Weeks since with the Small Pox, and Report whether proper care had been taken of his Clothing & other Things in the airing and cleansing of the same.

Having received a Warrant from the Judge of Probates for the County of Suffolk, to enquire into the Circumstances of one Thomas Stone of Lovels Island, Represented by his Friends as a distracted or lunatick Person, and the Season, & other Circumstances not permitting our going to said Island and seeing him in Person A number of Persons were desired to attend, and give evidence relative to the behavor and conduct of said Stone when Deacon John Tudor, M^rs^. Mary Murphey, Margaret Poor and William Stone Junr. attended accordingly — And by their several Evidences it appearing to the satisfaction of the Selectmen, that M^r^. Stone was a Person Lunatick or Distracted.

Voted, that he be returned as such a one to the Judge of Probates, and a Return of the Warrant signed by the Selectmen was made accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^r^. 20, 1761.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
[58.] M^r^. Samuel Sewall
M^r^. Samuel P. Savage
M^r^. Ezekiel Lewis

Voted, that M^r^. M^c^Knight be directed to proceed next Monday in digging the Reservoir at the Dock which must be Eight or ten feet deeper than it now is, and that he also Stone the same; unless any proposals should in the interem be made by the Neighbourhood for turning it into a Well of Fresh Water.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r^. 2^d^. 1761. ——

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
John Scollay Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq

Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr. Sam. P. Savage
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis

Voted, that the Building in which is kept the Engine under the Command of David Wheeler, be removed from where it now stands, to a spot of Ground near Deacon Elliots at the South End of the Town.

Henry Christian Geer attended, and requested of the Selectmen that he might have the doing of the Stone Cutters Work, at Faneuil Hall Building, and agreed to wait for [59.] His pay, as the other Tradesmen, imploy'd on said Building have engaged to do.

Voted, That the Clerk write Mrs. Pymore of Dorchester desiring her liberty for taking down some defective Chimnies in a House of Hers in this Town, as the Limbs and Lives of the Inhabitants are exposed in their passing and repassing said Building; And in case she refuses given her consent, that the steps of the Law in such case made & provided, be imediately pursued.

Voted, that Mr. John Procter be and hereby is allowed for the hire of his Apprentice James Carter as an Assistant to Mr. Tileston Master of the North Writing School, at the Rate of £34 p. annum.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, December 16, 1761.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr. Samuel P. Savage

John Ruddock Esq. who was chosen one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Present Year, appeard, and accepted to serve in that Office, and proposed Capt. Nathaniel Greenwood & Mr. Nath[l]. Greenwood for his Bondsmen, who were accepted by the Select men.

[60.] Mr. Samuel Adams one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1761, appeard, and accepted to serve in the said Office, and proposed John Rowe Esq, and Mr. Robert Peirpont for his Bondsmen, who were Accepted by the Selectmen — And the Town Clerk is directed to prepare Bonds accordingly.

Mr. John Grant another of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1761, Appeard, and accepted to serve in said office and proposed Samuel Grant Esq. and Capt. Fortesque Vernon for his Bondsmen, who were accepted by the Select men — And the Town Clerk is directed to prepare Bonds accordingly.

Mr. Jonathan Payson the other Collector of Taxes for the Year 1761 Appeard, and accepted to serve in said Office and proposed Cap[t]. Jonathan Cary and Mr. John Greighton of Roxbury for his Bondsmen who were accepted by the Select men. And the Town Clerk is directed to propose Bonds accordingly.

The Keys of the Towns' Warehouse on Dock Square lately occupied by Mr. James Mason deceased, were delivered up by the

Administrator the 12. of this Instant December, at which Day his Rent is to expire.

[61.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, December 18, 1761.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr. Samuel P. Savage

Ordered that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Five Shillings and eight Pence p. Bushel and four Pence p. Bushel is allowed the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	l.	oz-	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	0 -	7 -	10
Wheaten	0 -	11 -	9
Houshold	0 -	15 -	7
Two Penny White Loaf	0 -	15 -	7
Wheaten	1 -	7 -	3
Houshold	1 -	14 -	14
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	5 -	8
Houshold	5 -	12 -	11
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	11 -	1
Houshold	11 -	9 -	6
Four Penny Brick Loaf	1 -	11 -	14

Memo. a 4d. Brick Loaf weighs 3 oz. less than a 4d. White Loaf.

[62.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decemr. 23d., 1761.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr. Samuel P. Savage
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis

Mr. John Pullen applied to the Selectmen to view the Ground on which he designs to Erect a Building, that it may be determined whether a Foundation can be obtain'd therefor without very great expence.

Messrs. Austin and Scollay'Appointed a Committee for the above mentioned purpose.

Mr. Henry Robey Glazier appeard, and agreed with the Select men, to Repair and new Sash the Windows of the North Writing School at the rate of Four Shillings old Tenr. p. Square the Glass to be 7. by 9. As also to allow 3/ old Tenr. p. foot for the Glass that may be taken out.

Mrs. Sarah Ridgway Attend d. and informed the Selectmen that her Husband had lately deceased, who had been licensed this Year as an Inn holder, and having asked the approbation of the Select

men for her holding a License the remainder of the year, she was accordingly approbated.

[63.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 24, 1761.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
M^{r}. Samuel Sewall
M^{r}. Samuel P. Savage
M^{r}. Ezekiel Lewis

The Undertakers for the Repairs of Faneuil Hall having represented to the Select men, that great Charge and difficulty as well as loss of Time must ensue by carrying that part of the Order of the Town into execution, which enjoins that the Frames for the Windows of that Building should be of Stone;

The Gentlemen the Committee who Reported to the Town on that Head, were desired to attend, and after considerable discourse on that Subject, it was unanimously Voted by said Committee as their Opinion, that such difficultys were in the way of carrying that Order of the Town into execution, as made it not for the Interest of the Town that it should be so done. They were also generally of opinion that it would be needless to call a Meeting of the Inhabitants for their advice in a matter, which appeard so plain, that their Interest could not but be as well consulted, without such a Meeting.

[64.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 28, 1761.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin
M^{r}. Samuel Sewall
M^{r}. Samuel P. Savage
M^{r}. Ezekiel Lewis

Whereas the Curbs in the Well or Reservoir at the Dock have through some defect in the Construction there of givin way; and as the Cold Season is too far advanced to Admit that the damage occasioned thereby should be so repaired as that the project may still be pursued agreable to the Order of the Town, for a Well or Reservoir — therefore Voted, that all further proceedure be for the present postponed, and that M^{r}. McKnight be directed to make what savings he can of the Clay and Wooden Work.

The Town Clerk is directed to write a Letter to Capt. Western of Plymouth, acquainting him that unless he imediately secures the Town from all damage and charge that may arise by his bringing Scipio late a Negro Servant of the Honble. John Osborne Esq. now a Free Negro, and also a White Person into this Town, he may depend upon being immediately prosecuted, for his breach of Law in that respect.

[65.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 30, 1761.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
M^r. Samuel Sewall
M^r. Samuel P. Savage
M^r. Ezekiel Lewis

Upon complaint made by M^r. M^c.Clure Constable of the Dock Watch, against M^r. Townsend one of the Watch men for some rude speach and behavour to him the said Constable.

M^r. Townsend was Ordered to attend the Selectmen, and after a full hearing it was,

Voted, that the said Townsend be and hereby is dismissed from thn Dock Watch.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 6. 1762.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
M^r. Ezekiel Lewis
M^r. Samuel Savage

M^r. Sutton Master of Engine N. 7. acquainted the Selectmen, that Zepheniah Bassett one of his Comp^y. was dead, and that Gowen Brown another of his Comp^y. declined said [66.] Service, and having proposed Joel Cushing and Thomas Braeket as Engine Men in their room.

Voted, that the above Named Persons be and hereby are Admitted as Engine Men in said Company in the room of the one who is dead, & the other who declines serving.

Messrs. Cushing Scollay and Austin Appointed a Committee to Rent out the Ware house lately occupied by M^r. Mason deceased, and to discourse with Mr William Gray, M^r. Jackson and M^r. Hammock as to the Rent of their Shops and Store.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 9, 1762.

Present
John Scollay Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
Samuel P. Savage
Benjamin Austin Esq

Complaint having been made by a number of Inhabitants that the Chimnies of the House in Wings Lane, occupied by James Clark, are insufficient and dangerous — Messrs. John Kneeland and Thomas Daws were desired & impowr'd to survey the same, and make Report as soon as may be.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 11, 1762.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
[67.] John Scollay Esq

Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis

The Committee appointed the 9 Instant to survey Mr. Clarks Chimnies Reported as their Opinion — That the Complaint exhibited against them was Just — that said Chimnies are insufficient and dangerous, and that no Fire should be made in them while they remain in their present condition.

The Copys of the said Warrant and Return are as follows.

Sirs, Boston, January 9, 1762.

Complaint having been made to us that the Chimnies of the House in Wings Lane occupied by Mr. James Clarke are insufficient and dangerous, we do desire and impower you to survey the same and Report to us your Judgment concerning them.

JOHN SCOLLAY
SAM. HEWS
SAM. P. SAVAGE
BENJE. AUSTIN
} Select men of Boston

To Messrs. John Kneeland & Thomas Daws.

Boston, January 11th. 1762.

To the Gentlemen Select men

Sirs,

Agreable to your desire and power given us to survey the Chimnies in the House in [68.] Wings Lane Occupied by Mr. James Clark and others, have carefully survey'd said Chimnies, and Report our Judgment as follows — We Join with the Complainants and say the Chimnies are insufficient and dangerous; that no Fire should be made therein while they remain in such a ruinous condition.

JOHN KNEELAND
THOMAS DAWS

In consequence of the above Return it was Voted, that the following Order be sent Mr. James Clark

Mr. James Clark

Upon complaint made by a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of defects in the Chimnies of the House Occupied by yourself we issued our Warrant for a Survey, a Copy of the Return on said Warrant you have above.

Agreable to the direction of the Law in that case made and provided, whereby warn you not to make any Fire in said Chimnies till the defects are cured either by amending repairing or rebuilding said Chimnies, as you would avoid the penalty of said Law

By Order of the Select men
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston January 11, 1762

Voted, that the whole of the Law relating to the Admission of Town Inhabitants be Printed, and that the several Constables of the Town be directed to disperse the same among the Inhabitants when they shall next Warn them of a Town Meeting.

[69.] This Day the Jury Box was renewed in which were put all the Names of the Inhabitants, which had been handed to the

Selectmen by the Assessors of the Town, the same having been first examined and approved of by the Selectmen.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 13, 1762.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq
John Scollay Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Sam. P. Savage
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis

Voted, that Mr. Adams be directed, that he once more Warn Elizabeth Hill to depart out of this Town, at the same time acquainting her, that if she should be found in this place, twenty four hours after said Warning, the Law which enjoin Wipping will be put in execution respecting her.

Voted, that Mr. Adams be directed to proceed in the same manner with Mrs. Okes — Also that her Grand Daughter be carried out of this Town.

Voted, that the Names of the following Persons be returned to the Assessors, as those who in the Opinion of the [70.] Select men ought to be Taxed for the Real Estate which they Occupy, and the Business they negotiate in this Town, it being agreable to Law, that they should be thus taxed. Vizt.

The Honble. James Russell
Ralph Inman Esq
Mr. John Soley
Mr. Thomas Bell
——— Hall at Moors Corner
James Smith Esq.
Mr. Andrew Mc.Kenzie
Benjamin Pemberton Esq.
Capt. Robinson of Dorchester for a Negro man a Baker who has set up that Business at the Horse Shoe.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of five Shillings and Eight Pence for Wheat p. Bushel and four Pence p. Bushel is allowed the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	0	7	10
Wheaten	0	11	9
Household	0	15	7
Two Penny White Loaf	0	15	7
Wheaten	1	7	3
Houshold	1	14	14
Six Penny Wheaten	4	5	8
Houshold	5	12	11
[71.] Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	8	11	1
Houshold	11	9	6
Four Penny Brick Loaf	1	11	14

Memo. a 4d. Brick Loaf is to weigh 3 oz. less than a 4d. White Loaf.

At a meeting of the Selectmen, January 20, 1762.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. Sam P. Savage
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis

Capt. Robert Robbins acquainted the Selectmen that he had let his House known by the Name of the Bull Tavern to one Benjamin Biggelow.

Mr. William Miller from Europe attended the Selectmen and acquainted them, that with their consent he purposed to open a Book Sellers Shop in King's street, having imported a large Quantity of Books for that purpose.

Voted, that he be permitted accordingly.

The several Constables of the Watch made their returns as usual.

[72.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 25, 1762.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
Mr. Sam. P. Savage
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis

The Selectmen Let to Mr. William Dennie Merchant, and he accordingly took possession the 15 Instant of the Towns Ware house which is opposite to the Golden Balls, at the Rate of Twenty four Pounds p. Annum.

Passed upon a number of Accounts, for which Drafts on the Treasury were Ordered.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, February 3d. 1762. ——

Present

Samuel Hews Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq
Mr. Sam. P. Savage
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis

Mr. James Bernard Master of Engine No. 3. presented William Smith a suitable Person for an Engine Man in his Company.

[73.] Voted that William Smith be and hereby is Admitted as an Engine Man in the Company of mr. Bernard's Engine.

Mr. James Bernard Master of the Engine No. 3 Apply'd to the Selectmen for his Premium for playing first with his Engine at the late Fire which broke out at mr. Robs Sugar House.

A Committee from the Gentlemen the Overseers of the Poor attended, and informed that the Selectmen that Capt. Manger

who has been a long while at the Alms House as a distracted Person, is now become calm and composed, and desires that he may have a passage found him for Guernsy the Place of his proper home.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feb. 10, 1762.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. Sam. P. Savage
Mr. Ezekiel Lewis

Ordered, that Abigail Elson a Soldiers Widow, her Husband formerly belonging to the 3d. Battallion of Royal Americans and in Coll. Youngs Companys be sent to the [74.] Almshouse on the Province Charge. Memo. The said Elsons Husband dead she within a Month of her Travel, came from Quebeck to this Place via New York.

Messrs. Scollay Austin and Savage Appointed a Committee to enquire out the Character of one Moore, who applys for the Care of the Put House at New Boston.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and ten Pence p Bushel for Wheat and four Pence p. Bushel is allowed the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows Vizt.

	l.	oz-	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	0 -	7 -	8
Wheaten	0 -	11 -	4
Household	0 -	15 -	
Two Penny White Loaf	0 -	15 -	
Wheaten	1 -	6 -	9
Houshold	1 -	14 -	1
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	3 -	11
Houshold	5 -	9 -	11
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	7 -	7
Houshold	10 -	10 -	5
Four Penny Brick Loaf	1 -	11	

Memo. a 4d Brick Loaf is to weigh 3 oz. less than a 4d. White Loaf

[75.] At a Meeting of the Honourable His Majestys Justice of the Peace, the Gentlemen the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor within the Town of Boston on Thursday the Eleventh Day of February Anno Domini 1762.

Present
Samuel Wells Esq
William Story Esq
John Hill Esq
Belcher Noyes Esq
Justices of the Peace

Thomas Cushing
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr Sam. P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq
Selectmen
Royal Tyler Esq
Samuel Dexter Esq
Mr. Benjamin Dolbear
Mr. Isaac Walker
Mr. Jonathan Mason
John Phillips Esq.
Meletiah Bourn Esq.
[76.] Mr. Henry Bromfield
Mr. Isaac Smith
Overseers of the Poor

A General Walk or Visitation of the Town was then Agreed upon to be attended on Tuesday the Sixteenth Day of February Instant, at Nine o'Clock in the Morning if the Weather be fair if not then on the Fryday following being the Nineteenth Inst. And it is also Agreed to meet in the Selectmens Chamber in the Town House at Five o'Clock in the Evening of said Day of Visitation, to Report the State of the Town &c.

The Order or Sortment as follows, Vizt.

Ward Number One
John Steel Esq
Royal Tyler Esq
Capt. William White
Capt. Ralph Hart
Deacon Jonathan Brown
Capt. Arthur Savage
Mr. Elisha Byles — Constable
Ward, Number Two
John Ruddock Esq
Samuel Dexter Esq
Capt. Nathaniel Greenwood
Mr. John Grant
[77.] Mr. John Grenough
Capt. Fortesque Vernon
Mr. Alexander Hill
Mr. Elisha Byles — Constable
Ward Number Three
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Foster Hutchinson Esq
Joseph Gardner Esq
Mr. John Tudor
Capt. Newman Grenough
Mr. Nathaniel Loring
Capt. David Jenkins

Mr. Michael Dennis
Mr. James Bradford
Mr. James Thomas — Constable
Ward, Number Four
Richard Dana Esq
John Scollay Esq
John Barrat Esq
Mr. David Jeffries
Mr. Samuel Edwards
Mr. John Crompton — Constable
Ward Number Five
[78.] Joshua Winslow Esq
Mr. Benjamin Dolbear
Mr. James Halsey
Mr. Henry Newman
Mr. Alexander Chamberlain
Capt. William Holmes
Mr. John Rogers — Constable
Ward, Number Six
Belcher Noyes Esq
Mr. Isaac Walker
Samuel Grant Esq
Mr. William Fairfield
Mr. Richard Billings
Mr. Ebenezer Storer Junr.
Mr. Edward Green
Mr. Augustus Hale — Constable
Ward, Number Seven
William Story Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Mr. Jonathan Mason
Mr. John Kneeland
Mr. Timothy Newell
Capt. Hugh McDaniel
Mr. Timothy Fitch
Mr. William Dorrington
[79.] Ward Number Eight
John Phillips Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Mr. Samuel Phillips Savage
Mr. Jonathan Payson
Mr. William Torrey
Mr. Nathaniel Thayer — Constable
Ward, Number Nine
Thomas Cushing Esq.
William Phillips Esq.
Mr. Samuel Austin
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Capt. William Tayler
Mr. Samuel McClure, Constable
Ward, Number Ten
Joseph Dowse Esq.

Meletiah Brown Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
Jeremiah Green Esq.
John Erving Junr. Esq.
M^{r}. Thomas Gray
M^{r}. John Mico Wendell
D^{r}. Pynchon
M^{r}. William Blair Townsend
M^{r}. Francis Salmon — Constable
[80.] Ward, Number Eleven
John Hills Esq
Joshua Henshaw Esq
M^{r}. Benjamin Church
M^{r}. Henry Bromfield
M^{r}. Rufus Green
Jonathan Sympson Esq
M^{r}. Eliphalet Parker — Constable
Ward, Number Twelve
Honourable Samuel Wells Esq
M^{r}. Isaac Smith
Capt. Hopestill Foster
M^{r}. Samuel Adams
M^{r}. Henderson Inches
Deacon Thomas Foster
M^{r}. Thomas Trott
M^{r}. Stephen Symms — Constable

And the Town Clerk is directed to give forth copys of the above Order or Sortment accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Select men, February 16, 1762.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
[81.] Samuel Sewall Esq.
M^{r}. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq

There having been a General Walk or Visitation of the Town this Day the Gentlemen that attended Met and Reported the following Strangers they found in Town Viz^{t}.

John Mansfield his Wife and Children has been three Weeks in a Garret of a House formerly Luke Stones, near to Elder Parkmans.

Also one James Martin in said House.

Sarah Oakes her Daughter and a Child of about Seven years of Age, at the Widow Jervis's House near the North Battery.

Also one Deborah Meek, all from Marblehead & the Point.

Mary Bristol from London came in Capt. Kerkwood at one Kitchen's House adjoining m^{r}. Bouchers, has been there some Months.

A Free Negro Man from Reading late a Servant of Timothy

Emmerson in the Town lives at a House near Dr. Mayhews Meeting House — The Name of the Negro is George Cobourn

Also one Peter Lear in Stanfords Colledge so called.

Mrs. Collier from Needham a Widow Woman has been in Town about four Months and lives in a House at Gibbins Court.

A Woman from Marblehead lives at a House near mr. Hatch the Wharfinger's has been warned out of Town Several times.

[82.] The Names of the Persons mentioned on the other side were given to mr. Abijah Adams, in order for their being by him warned out of Town, as the Law directs.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, February 17, 1762.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. Sam. P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Complaint having been made the Selectmen by a number of Inhabitants that the Chimnies of a House in Sea Street near Bulls Wharf occupied by Daniel Starr and others are insufficient and dangerous — Messrs. Thomas Ethridge and Thomas Daws were impower'd and desired to survey the same and Report as soon as may be.

Passed upon Dr. Myles Whitworths Province Accounts being for Medicines and Attendance on Strangers who were sick and disorded at the Almshouse &. said Account bookes forward to the 24 of this Instant February, and amounts to One Hundred and Twelve Pounds Seventeen Shillings and four Pence.

[83.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, February 25, 1762.

Present

Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
Mr. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Voted, that a Note of Hand of mr. Cloughs the Gun Smith payable to mr. Treasurer Jeffries for a fine it was supposed he had made himself liable for, be by the said Treasurer delivered up to mr. Clough, it appearing to the Selectmen upon a more full enquiry, to be very dubious, whether or no he had incurred the Penalty of the Law — and that the Treasurer be directed accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 26, 1762.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq

John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq
Mr. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq

[84.] Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate besides the Poll, to Convene at the Town House on Monday the eighth Day of March next at 9 o Clock in the Forenoon, then and there to Nominate and choose meet Persons to serve the Town the Year ensuing as Selectmen Town Clerk Overseers of the Poor, Wardens, Firewards, Constables, and other Officers as the Law directs; To grant such Sums of Mony and in such manner as may be judged needful for the payment of the School Masters, for the relief of the Poor & defreying other necessary Charges; To receive the Reports of the Towns Committees on several Affairs; To act upon the List of Jurors; To Appoint a Committee to visit the Schools To choose Auditors of the Accounts of the Town Treasurer, and Overseers of the Poor; To determine what Premium shall be allowed the Collectors of Taxes for Collecting the new Tax for the Streets, as well as the Tax for the Current Charges of the Year, and on the Time the Assessors may set to make Abatements on the latter; To receive and examin the Accounts [85.] Of the Granary; To determine what Bells shall be rang at Five o Clock in the Morning; To consider of the desire of a number of the Inhabitants vizt.

That the Town would take such methods as shall be judged necessary for the Incorporation of it; That a Committee be Appointed to enquire what has been the occasion of the heavy Expences of the Town for several Years past, and what steps are necessary to be taken to reduce the same; That a Committee be appointed to Audit the Accounts of the Managers of the Lotterys granted by the General Court for Paving the Neck; And that the Town would repair the High Way within the Fortification or oblige the Proprietors of the Land on each side to do it; And also Act upon all such matters and Things as stand referred over to said Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 3d. 1762 ——
Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq.

[86.] Ordered, that Messrs. Green and Russell have the Printing the Notifications for the Annual Town Meeting in March Inst.

Voted, that the Revd. Dr Charles Chancy be desired to Open

the Town Meeting on Monday next with Prayer, and that Messrs. Austin and Lewis be a Committee to acquaint him therewith.

[1.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 2^{d}. 1762.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.

John Leaveret Esq. having made Application to the Selectmen to know their Opinion whether a solid foundation can be had for a Building he purposes to Erect on the Ladd near his Dwelling House at the North side of the Town Dock, without very great expence; and said Land having been accordingly view'd by the Selectmen.

Voted, that it is the Opinion of the Selectmen that no solid Foundation can be obtain'd on said Land without a very great expence.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 10, 1762.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
[2.] Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
M^{r}. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Complaint having been made by a number of Inhabitants that the Chimnies of a House in Fleet Street near Capt Pallins, occupied by one Vorgt (*or Vergt*) and others are insufficient and dangerous.

Messrs. Atkins and Brown were impowered and desired to survey the same and report as soon as may be.

M^{r}. John Bulfinch informs that he has taken into his House one Conlens Soutwert of Duxbury

Ordered, that m^{r} Adams be directed to warn the said Southwert to depart this Town, according to Law.

Voted, that Messrs. Cushing and Sewall be a Committee to examin the several By-Laws of the Town, now in force, and Report to the Selectmen, whether they apprehend it necessary to make a further addition thereto.

M^{r}. Williston is directed to notify the several Sealers of Wood in this Town, that the Selectmen require their attendance next Wednesday in the Afternoon.

[3.] Voted, that Messrs. Scollay Austin and Lewis be a Committee to wait upon the Proprietors of the Land on each side of the High Way near the Fortification, and acquaint them, that they are required by the Selectmen to secure the said High Way from the encroachments of the Sea imediately, and that unless this is done by them before next May Meeting, the Select men will then be

under a necessity to recommend it to the Town that they may be prosecuted for such their neglect.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 16, 1762
Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
Mr. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

William Manning now at the Alms house on the Province Expence, Apply'd to the Select to provide him a passage from hence to England or New York, and Messs. Scollay and Austin are appointed a Committee for said purpose.

[4.] Ordered that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and ten Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and four Pence p. Bushel is allowed the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	0 -	7 -	8
Wheaten	0 -	11 -	4
Houshold	0 -	15 -	
Two Penny White Loaf	0 -	15 -	
Wheaten	1 -	6 -	9
Houshold	1 -	14 -	1
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	3 -	11
Houshold	5 -	9 -	11
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	7 -	7
Houshold	10 -	10 -	5
Four Penny Brick Loaf	1 -	11 -	

Memo. a 4d. Brick Loaf is to weigh 3 oz. less than a 4d. White Loaf.

Passed upon Mr. Samuel Procter Master of the Almshouse his Province Account for the maintenance of Strangers to be laid before the Council for their [5.] Acceptance; a Copy of which Account is upon File.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 24, 1762.
Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Information being given the Selectmen, by mr. Joseph Henshaw, that the bottom of Rainsfords Lane is much out of Repair.

Voted, that Messrs. Cushing and Hews be a Committee to examin and view the Lane, and Report what may be necessary to be done therein.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 29, 1762.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

This Day the Selectmen endorsed a Warrant from the Governor and Council on the Province Treasurers in their favor [**6.**] To M^r. Treasurer Jeffries; it being for the Charge of supporting the Province Poor at the Alms House from the first of September 1761 to the first of March 1762, and amounting to One hundred fifty two Pounds, Nineteen Shillings and one penny.

Gentlemen

Above is Copy of the Account of Charge arising for supplys to John Beneway a French Neutral Assigned to your Town, who was taken sick while here, on a visit. We have not laid the Account before the Sessions as the Law directs, supposing some charge might arise, and that you had rather avoid it by paying the same to M^r. Treasurer Jeffries

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

To the Selectmen of Brookline.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk enter in the Minute Book the following Account, vizt.

The Town of Brookline to the Town of Boston D^r.

For sundrys supply'd John Beneway a French Neutral belonging to *to* (*sic*) said Brookline, while sick at Boston, Viz^t. Supply'd by Isaac Smith Esq. one of the Overseers of y^e. Town, Viz^t.

1760 September	10 -	½ Cord Wood - - - - - - - -	£ -	9 - 4
November	3 -	Cash - - - - - - - - - - - -		3 -
	29 -	1 Blanket - - - - - - - - - -		12
Decem^r 8 & 15		a Cord Wood 10/8. Cash 4/ -		14 - 8
[**7.**]December	23	Cash 3/ - - - - - - - - - -		3 -
1761 January	2 -	Cash - - - - - - - - - - - -		9 -
Jan^y.	5 -	Cash 2/, Jany. 10, Cash 6/-		8
	19 -	Ditto 2/8 26 Ditto 3/-		5 - 8
	30 -	Ditto 6/ Feby. 7 Ditto 2/8		8 - 8
Feb^ry.	14 -	Wood 9/ 21 Ditto 3/-		12 -
March	3^d. -	Cash - - - - - - - - - - - -		3 -
			£ 4 -	8 - 4

Supplied by Samuel Dexter Esq. another of the Overseers, Viz^t.

1761, April 2^d. Cash - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 3

£ 4 - 11 · 4^d

A Letter was this Day wrote the Selectmen of Dorchester, respecting one Joseph Lanne a French Neutral, which Letter together with said Lannes acco^t. of Charges is entred in these Minutes by Order of the Select men.

Gentlemen,

Above is Copy of the Account of Charge arising for supplys to Joseph Lanne a French Neutral Assigned to your Town, who was taken sick here, while on a visit — We have not laid the Account before the Sessions as the Law directs, supposing some charge might arise, and you had rather avoid it by paying the same to our Treasurer Mr. Jeffries

By Order

To the Selectmen of Dorchester W. C. Town Clerk

The Town of Dorchester to the Town of Boston, Dr.

[8.] Sundries supplied Joseph Lanne a French Neutral belonging to said Dorchester — Vizt.

1760 Septemr.	22d.	To Cash 3/4	Septemr. 30	To Cash 3/	£ - 6 - 4	
		To ½ Cord Wood 10/,	Octor. 6	To Cash 2/5	12 - 5	
October	10.	To Cash 3/ -	29	To ½ Cord Wood 10/	13 -	
	29.	To ditto 2/ - - - -	Novr. 1	To Cash 20d.	3 - 8	
Novemr.	7&9.	To ditto 2/8 - - - - - - - - -		To ditto 2/	4 - 8	
		To ¼ Cord Wood - - - - - - - - - - - - -			5 - 4	
	13-	To Cash 2/8	17	To ½ Cord Wood 10/	12 - 8	
	24-	To Cash - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			3 -	
	29-	To Cash 2/8 - - -	Decemr. 8-	To Cash 6/	8 - 8	
Decemr.	8-	To 1 Blanket 13/4- -		To ½ Cord Wood 10/	1 - 4	
	21-	To ½ Cord Wood 10/8	Decemr. 23	To Cash 6/	16 - 8	
1761 January	2d.	To Cash 6/ - - -	Janry. 10	To Cash 6/	12 -	
	19-	To ditto 6/ - - - - - - -	6 feet Wood 18/		1 - 4 -	
	26	To ditto 3/ - - - - -	30-	To Cash 6/	9 -	
Feby.	12.	To ditto 6/ - - - -	Feby. 18.	To ditto 3/	9	
	24	To ditto 6/ - - - -	March 3	To ditto 6/	12	
		To ½ Cord of Wood - - - - - - - - - - -			9	
					£ 9 - 5 - 5	

Above supplyed by Isaac Smith Esq one of the Overseers of the Town

April 2d.	To Cash 3/	April 7.	To Cash 6/	£ - 9 -	
	15. To Cash 1/4	15.	To Ditto 2/4	3 - 8	
	To ditto 3/ -	27-	To Ditto 4/	7 -	
May	4. To ditto - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			2 - 8	
				Am - 1 - 2 - 4	
				£.10 - 7 - 9	

Above supplyd by Samuel Dexter Esq. one of the Overseers of ye. Town.

[9.] A Letter was this Day wrote the Selectmen of Newtown, respecting one Maria Thersea Lebeaux a French Woman, Copy of which Letter together with said Lebeaux Account of Charges, are entred in these Minutes by Order of the Selectmen.

Gentlemen

Above is a Copy of Account of Charges arising for supplys to Maria Theresa Lebeaux a French Neutral assigned to your Town, but was taken sick while on a visit here — We have not laid the Account before the Session as the Law directs, supposing some

Charge might arise, and that you had rather avoid it, by paying the same to our Treasurer Mr. Jeffries

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk

The Town of Newton to the Town of Boston Dr.

For Sundrys supply'd Maria Theresa Lebeaux a French Neutral belonging to said Newtown while sick in Boston.

1760 July 14	To Cash	£ 2 - 1	
August 23	To Ditto	1 - 6	
			£- 3 - 7

Supply'd by Jonn. Mason one of the Overseers of the Town,

[10.] 1761 April 15.	To Cash	£ - 2 - 4	
May 2d.	To Ditto	- 1 - 4	3 - 8
			£ 0 - 7 - 3

Supply'd by James Dexter Esq. another of the Overseers

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 31, 1762. ——

Present
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
Mr. Sam. P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq

Mr. John Newall acquainted the Selectmen that he had taken into his House a Negro Man from Salem named Will ——

Joseph Putnam Master of Engine N. 4. informed the Select men that the Engine under his care was first brought to work at the late Fires which broke out at Joshua Winslow Esq Distilling House, and at a Barn near Coll. Brattles House in King street, and desired that the Premium granted by the Town of Thirteen Shillings and four Pence for each Fire, may be allowed them.

Voted, that he have à Draft on the Town Treasurer for both Premiums accordingly.

[11.] The several Scavengers were desired to attend at the Selectmens Chamber in Faneuil Hall, next Wednesday Afternoon.

Mr. Benjamin Biggelow attended, and informed the Selectmen, that himself his Wife and four Children had come to this Town from Cambridge, and that he had taken a House near Bulls Wharf for his Dwelling, and had received as Inmates John Bryant and Wife, from said Cambridge, and a Boy from Roxbury named Dixon.

Hug Hall Esq. Mr. Samuel Waterhouse and Mr. Robert Pierpoint some of the Proprietors of Land on each side of the High Way near the Fortification, attended the Selectmen, and assured them, that they now ready to comply with their request, by immediately securing said High Way from the incroachments of the Tides, and in all respects fullfilling the Agreement entred into with the Town of Boston, November 1753.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 2d. *1763* (*sic*).

Present
Thomas Cushing
Samuel Hews Esq.
[12.] John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
Ezekiel Lewis Esq

Voted, That Mr. Nathaniel Thayer be and he hereby is Appointed a Sealer of Cord Wood brought into this Town by Water in the room of Mr. Joseph Webb, who by reason of Bodyly infermitys is rendered incapable of discharging that trust.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 7, 1762.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
Mr. Sam. P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mr. Joseph Watts attend^d. and informed the Select men, that he has taken into his House Joseph Capman his Wife and two Children, who came from Norwich, and are desirous of being admitted Inhabitants of this Town; said Capman is a Mariner and at present imploy'd in the Coasting business.

[13.] Mr. Joseph Callender attended, and informed the Selectmen that he has taken into his Family a Gairl named Bethiah Thayer aged about thirteen Years, she belongs to Braintree, but had resided some time in Boston before he took her into his Business service.

Ordered, that the several Constables of the Watch be directed to make their Returns to the Town Clerk the last Monday of every Month, of the Men which belongs to their respective Companys, and the number of Nights on which any one may have absented himself, or left the Watch; and the Clerk is hereby directed to make a deduction from their Monthly Drafts for every nights absence, and to preserve those Returns in the File of Accounts for the Months they are given in, that they may be produced as vouchers when occasion may require it.

The Selectmen taking into consideration the great Expence the Town is at for the maintenance of Strangers who notwithstanding the vigilance of the Officer now employ'd to warn such Persons to depart the Town, do yet conceal themselves so long as to become Inhabitants, have Agreed, That another Person shall be appointed for that service, and that as soon as said Appointment is made [14.] One of those Officers shall have the more immediate Charge of the North, and the other of the South part of the Town; and that each of those Persons to be paid at the Rate of Twenty Pound p. annum for said service.

Mr. John Cookson acquainted the Selectmen, that he had let an

End of a House in Paddys Alley near the Mill Creek to one John Wormstead, who with his Family came lately to this Town from Shirley Point.

Whereas Messrs. Joseph Goldthwait, Nathaniel Thayer Nathaniel Gardner & —— Allen, were on the tenth Day of March last Appointed by the Selectmen, to be Sealers of Wood brought into this Town by Water; and in the several Orders then delivered them they had their several bounds and Districts Assigned them; upon further Consideration, it is Ordered by the Select men, that the several Bounds and Districts shall now be as follows Viz^{t}.

Joseph Goldthwait Esq from Charlestown Ferry, to D^{r}. Clarks Wharf inclusive

M^{r}. Nathaniel Thayers from Bradfords Wharf to Long Wharf inclusive, also the Wharfs at New Boston

[**15.**] M^{r}. Nathaniel Gardners from M^{r}. Moores Wharf to Wheelwrights Wharf inclusive

M^{r}. —— Allens from Hubbards Wharf to M^{r}. Peirpoints Wharf inclusive.

But notwithstanding the above Assignments the several Sealers of Wood are to understand, that either of them shall have right to make a seizure of all such Cord Wood as they may find on any of the Wharfs in the Town, which shall not in their opinion answer the discription the Law has given respecting Merchantable Cord Wood imported into this Town by Water.

M^{r}. Cushing is added to the Committee appointed to see Doffings Cellar filled up, and the said Committee are desired to get the breach stop'd which the Sea has made into Alfords Cellar near the Fish Market at Olivers Dock.

At a Meeting of the Honourable His Majestys Justices of the Peace, & the Gentlemen the Selectmen of Boston at Faneuil Hall on the fourteenth Day of April Anno Domini, One thousand seven hundred and Sixty two.

Present

[**16.**] Samuel Wells Esq.
Joshua Winslow Esq
George Cradock Esq
John Phillips Esq
Richard Dana Esq
John Ruddock Esq
John Steel Esq
John Hill Esq
Belcher Noyes Esq
William Story Esq
John Avery Esq.

Justices of the Peace

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
M^{r}. Sam. P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq

Selectmen

Whereas by a Law of this Province made in the fourth Year of the Reign of King William and Queen Mary entitled An Act for building with Stone and Brick in the Town of Boston and preventing Fires, it is among other Things Enacted, that in all void and unbuilt places, which should thereafter be improv'd [**17.**] For building, or when at any time any total consumption or desolation should happen in any street or lane within the said town, it should be in the power of the Justices of the peace of said town then in being, together with the Selectmen or the major part of both, to state and lay out such streets ways and passage as might be most for the conveniency and accommodation of the place; as also where any desolation hath happened to regulate and enlarge other narrow and crooked lanes; and whereas by a fire on the thirteenth of January Anno Domini 1761 there happened a total desolation of two peices of land in Boston aforesaid adjoining to each other, and lying on the south side of Faneuil Hall Market, that is to say between vacant lands left for the accommodation of said market on the north, and corn market street on the south, one of the said peices of land vizt. the eastermost belonging to Robert Gibbs Esq. being about seventy feet in length, and about fifteen feet in breadth, and bounded at the east end, by the street called Merchants Row, and at the western end by the other of the aforesaid peices of Land which formerly belonged to Thomas Palmer Esq. long since deceased, which is about six and fourty feet long, and about sixteen feet wide at the east end of it next to the said [**18.**] Robert Gibbs land aforesaid, and about twenty feet wide, at the western end of it, where it abutteth upon other vacant lands left also for the accommodation of the aforesaid market; and for as much as it hath been fonnd by long experience, that the aforesaid street called corn market street, is too narrow, and on enlargement and widening thereof much and long wanted; there fore for the better regulating widening and enlargement of the same Street and passage for the conveniency and accommodation of that place, we Samuel Wells, Joshua Winslow, George Craddock John Phillips Richard Dana, John Ruddock, John Steel, John Hill, Belcher Noyes, William Story and John Avery being the major part of his Majestys Justices of the Peace for the County of Suffolk dwelling in the Town of Boston aforesaid; and we Thomas Cushing, Samuel Hews, John Scollays, Benjamin Austin, Samuel Sewall, Samuel P. Savage and Ezekiel Lewis, being the Selectmen of the said Town, having carefully viewd the same Street, the land and place aforesaid, and duly considered of the premisses, have (pursuant to the power given to us in and by the aforesaid Act) allotted, laid, set off and annexed, and hereby do allot, lay, set off and annex unto the aforesaid Corn Market Street, the two peices of land before [**19.**] described in their whole and full lengths and breadths, together with so much of the vacant land aforesaid at the west end thereof, as lyeth to the south of a straight line running along by the north or back side of those two aforesaid peices of land, and from thence along on the same course west ward unto the same street where it cometh to a point; all there three peices of land to be part and parcel of the same

street; for ever hereafter — In witness whereof we hereto set our hands at Boston aforesaid this eighth day of April Anno Domini 1762.

THOMAS CUSHING
SAMUEL HEWS
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
SAM. P. SAVAGE
EZEKIEL LEWIS
SAMUEL WELLS
JOSHUA WINSLOW
GEORGE CRADDOCK
JOHN PHILLIPS
RICHARD DANA
JOHN RUDDOCK
JOHN STEEL
JOHN HILL
BELCHER NOYES
WILLIAM STORY
JOHN AVERY

Mem°. Delivered the Clerk of the Sessions the Original of the above.

[20.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 20, 1762. ——

Present
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
Mr. Sam. P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq

Liberty is hereby granted to Joshua Davis to dig up the Pavement and open the Ground in Milk Street, near his House in order to repair his Drain, upon Condition that he forthwith make good the Ground and Pavement to the satisfaction of the Selectmen

Mr. Vere Ross Apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to open a School under Mr. Turners Dancing Masters House, for the Instruction of Youth in the Mathematicks.

Voted, that liberty be granted him accordingly.

Mr. John Doble attended, and informed the Selectmen, that he had taken into his Family a young Woman named Ann Lawrence, who came from the Town of Woburne.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 26, 1762.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
[21.] Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
Ezekiel Lewis Esq

Passed upon Mr. Hartley the keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, his Province Accounts, a Copy of which is on File.

Passed upon a number of Accounts, which are on this Months file of Papers, and ordered Drafts to be made on the Town Treasurer, for the amount thereof.

John Baker Master of Engine N —— attended, and acquainted the Select men that the Engine under his care was first brought to work at the Fire which broke out a Building near the Old North Meeting House; and desired that the Premium of Thirteen Shillings and four Pence allowed by the Town, may be given them.

Voted, that he have a draft on the Town Treasurer for his Premium accordingly.

Whereas the Ladders ordered by the Town are now finished, The Select men have agreed that they shall be lodged at the several places here under mentioned vizt.

[22.] Five of the Town Ladders at the North Writing Schools Yard.

Five Ditto, at Messrs. Box and Austins Rope Walk and near Dr. Mayhews Meeting House

Five Ditto, at the Market

Five Ditto, at Dr. Sewalls Meeting House Yard.

Five Ditto, at William Henshaws Yard, South End.

Five Ditto, near Mr. Byles' Meeting House.

Five Ditto, near Mr. Checkleys Meeting House.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 28, 1762. ——

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mr. Nathaniel Hall informed the Selectmen that he has taken into his Family one Hannah Whitmore from the Town of Medfield.

Mr. Thomas Doble informed the Selectmen that he had taken into his House one Marmaduke Blackwood a Foreigner.

[23.] Memorandum, That there is a peice of Land at the South part of the Town near the South Market, which will come into the possession of the Town in the Year 1765, as appears by Record in Town Book, Folio 215.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and ten Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and four Pence p. Bushel is allowed the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows. Viz^t.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	0 -	7 -	8
Wheaten	0 -	11 -	4
Houshold	0 -	15 -	
Two Penny White Loaf	0 -	15 -	
Wheaten	1 -	6 -	9

	l.	oz.	dr.
Houshold	1 -	14 -	1
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	3 -	11
Houshold	5 -	9 -	11
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	7 -	7
Houshold	10 -	10 -	5
Four Penny Brick Loaf	1 -	11	

Mem° a 4d. Brick Loaf is to weigh 3 oz. less than a 4d. White Loaf.

[**24.**] Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In his Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston (within their Precincts) that have an Estate of Forty shillings p. Annum in Freehold in Land within this Province and Territory at the least or other Estate to the value of Forty Pounds Sterling, to Convene at the Town House on Tuesday the eleventh of May Current at nine o'Clock in the Forenoon, then and there to Elect and Depute one or more Persons (being Freeholders and Resident in the Town) according to the number set and limitted by an Act of the General Assembly, to serve for and Represent them in the Great and General Court or Assembly Appointed to be Convened held and kept for his Majestys service in the Court House in Boston upon Wednesday the twenty sixth Day of said May, and so de Die in Diem, during their Session and Sessions, according to a Precept under the Hand and seal of Stephen Greenleaf Esq. Sheriff of the County of Suffolk bearing date the twenty sixth Day of April in the Second Year of His Majestys Reign Annoque Domini 1762.

[**25.**] You are alike Required to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as the Law directs, to Meet at the same time and place to Consider of the Petition of sundry Inhabitants for Paving Long Lane; Of the Petition of a number of Schoolmasters, praying that some method may be taken by the Town for the more regular payment of their Several Salarys; and of the Petition of Mr. John Vinal Usher of the South Writing School, that a further allowance may be made him; To know whether the Town will take any measures for Rebuilding the Fortification Gates; To choose an Overseer of the Poor in the room of Mr. Isaac Walker deceased, as also two Assessors and such other Officers as may be wanting; And to Act upon all those matters and Things which stand referred over to said Meeting.

A Letter was this Day wrote to the Select men of Roxbury respecting one Joseph Leneau a French Neutral which Letter was as follows. vizt.

Gentlemen

As Joseph Leneau one of the French Neutrals is Assigned to your Town, who has a Wife & [**26.**] two Children who are desirous of being with their Husband and Father, we suppose it will not be disagreable to you, If upon their going to you it should be an objection that they might be a Charge in some here after please to let us know it immediately, and we will then either engage to defrey

the same, or otherwise will permit them to return to this Town again. We are

Sir,

Your humble Servants

SELECT MEN

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 5, 1762.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
Mr. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mr. Colson this Day acquainted the Selectmen, that he has taken into his House a Dutch Minister and his Wife who say that they intend shortly to proceed for Halifax in Nova Scotia; the Ministers Name is Martin Shefferd.

[27.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 10, 1762.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Voted, that the Revd. Ebenezer Pemberton be desired to Open the Town Meeting the 11 of this Instant May with Prayer, and that Messrs. Scollay and Savage be a Committee to acquaint him there with.

Ann Middleton a Soldiers Wife (belonging to Pownelburrough) was this Day sent to the Alms House by the Select men, to be supported there at the Province Charge, she being sick & destitute of Friends.

At a Meeting of the Select men May 12, 1762. ——

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
Mr. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq

[28.] Liberty is hereby granted to Mr. Greenough to dig up the Pavement and open the Ground in Royal Exchange Lane in order to repair his Drain, upon conditions that he forthwith restore the Ground and Pavement, to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

The following is a List of the Free Negroes in Boston and entred in these Minutes by Order of the Selectmen.

Scipio — late a Servant of Capt. Osbornes
Scipio, late a Servant of Mr. Apthorp
Pompy Blackman
Lank (a Lemmon Merchant, who has been sick)
Charlestown ————
Dick, late a Servant to Mr. Tyng, (both sick & lame).
Toby, living at New Boston
Boston. (Jackson)
Cesar Clark (Baker) keeps at Mr. Pollard's Old House.
Another Negro keeps with ye above named, his name unknown
Thomas (a Baker) late a Servant to Mr. Knox.
Homan (late a Servant to the Widow Blackadore
Joseph, late a Servant to Richard Bill Esq.
Scipio, late a Servant of Capt. Fayerweather
Prince Holms
A Negro at Deacon Fosters
[29.] Jack Clemmons, so called
George Cobourn, he came from Redding

Thomas mcDaniel who has been some time in the Alms House at the charge of the Province being desirous of proceeding for Philadelphia — his Health now permitting.

Messrs. Austin and Savage are appointed a Committe to provide a passage for said mc.Daniel to Philadelphia as soon as may be.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 18, 1762.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
Mr. Sam. P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

The Selectmen were informed that one Isaac Moses a Jew has lately come into this Town, and lives at the House of Palatine Troop in Frog Lane.

Mr. Appleton informed the Selectmen that he had taken into his House one Margaret mc. Fareland, from Caso Bay.

[30.] Messrs. Scollay and Austin Appointed a Committee to lay out Milk Street.

The Selectmen having enquired into the Circumstances of the Free Negroes in this Town, the time when they were freed and the service they have performed for the Town, do find and Order as follows, Vizt.

Prince Holmes, has been free 23 years has paid for 12 Days work.

John Thurber - - - - Ditto - - last Novemr. Days
Order'd to work - - - - - - 2

Pompy Blackman - Ditto - 6 years next Octo^{r}.
ditto - - - - - - - - - - - - 20
Fortunatus Pitts - - Ditto 7^{d} next Septem^{r}.
ditto - - - - - - - - - - - - 24
Scipio Fayerweather - Ditto 1^{d} next Septem^{r}.
ditto - - - - - - - - - - - - 2
Scipio Apthorp - - - Ditto 2 years - - - ditto - - - - - - - - 8
Homer Blackader has been sick since his
mistresses death along while - - - - - - - - - 0
Peter How, has been free 9 years has work'd
2 Days - ditto - - - - - - - - - - - - 30
Richard Tyng - - - Ditto 5 ditto - - - - - - - - - ditto - - - 10
Tobias Lockman - Ditto 6 ditto y^{e}. 1 March - ditto - - - 18
Scipio Gunny - - - Ditto last August - - - - - - ditto - - - 2
Boston Jackson - - Ditto 3 years (has a Rate Bill)
ditto - - - 6

M^{r}. John Sweetser was directed to set the above Named Negroes to work upon the High Ways, the number of Days which the Select men have assigned them.

[**31.**] The Select men having been informed that the South Writing School wanted some Repairs, mess^{rs}. Hews and Sewall were Appointed a Committee to view said School, and direct such Repairs as to them shall appear necessary.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 21, 1762.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq
M^{r}. Sam. Phillips Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

The Selectmen having taken into consideration a late Vote of the Town relative to the Rebuilding or Repairing of the Fortification Gates.

Voted, that Messrs. Scollay and Sewall be a Committee to view the said Gates, and Report what appears to them to be most for ye interest of the Town to be done in the affair; as also a proper Plan to effect the same.

[**32.**] Messrs. Cushing and Scollay Appointed a Committee to discourse the Selectmen of Roxbury relative to one Leneau a French Neutral, and procure from them an Obligation that in case he becomes a burden to the Town that they will in such case receive him again or defrey the charge that may arise on his remainging here.

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 31, 1762.

Present
Samuel Hewes Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewell Esq
M^{r}. Samuel Ph Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and ten Pence p Bushel for Wheat, and four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

		l.	oz.	dr.
	Of Penny White Loaf	0	1	8
	Wheaten	0	11	4
	Houshold	0	15	
[33.]	Two Penny White Loaf	0	15	0
	Wheaten	1	6	9
	Household	1	14	1
	Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	4	3	11
	Houshold	5	9	11
	Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	8	7	7
	Houshold	10	10	5
	Four Penny Brick Loaf	1	11	

Mem^{o}. a 4^{d}. Brick Loaf is to weigh 3 oz. less than a 4^{d}. White Loaf.

Messrs. Savage and Scollay Appointed a Committee to prepare an Estimate of the Charge which may arise on the Repairs of M^{r}. Lovel's House, and to lay it before the Select men as soon as may be.

M^{r}. Savage Appointed by the Selectmen to acquaint M^{r}. Jeffries Town Treasurer that a number of Wooden Buildings were Erecting in this Town contrary to Laws, and that it is their desire that the Owners thereof may be prosecuted for those breaches of the Law as soon as may be.

The Buildings informed against are as follows Viz^{t}.

An House at the foot of Bacon Hill, of M^{r}. Whitmores.

a Ware house in Palmer Pasture, next Milk Street.

a Ware house of John Govels, on the Dock.

[34.] a House in Long Lane of M^{r}. Thomas Parkers

a new Shop of m^{r}. Pierpoints near the Fortification

The Select men have this Day agreed, that for the future they will be at their Chamber, for the better dispatch of the Town Business, precisely at three O'Clock P.M. and that no one of their Body, shall presume to withdraw, untill he has obtain'd leave of the whole for so doing.

At a Meeting of the Select men June 2^{d}. *1763* (*sic*)

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
M^{r}. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

M^{r}. John Grant one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1760. having produced Receipts from the several Treasurers in full for the Tax committed to him to Collect for that Year.

Voted, that a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer to pay him his ¼ part of the Premium allowed for Collecting the whole Tax in said Year

[35.] The Expences of the Clerks of the Market at their Monthly Meetings, having for some time past, exceeded what has been usual; mr. Ballard at whose Tavern they meet, was sent for, when the Select men acquainted him, and it was their determination, that in case the Expences of the Clerks the ensuing Year should exceed Ten Pounds lawful Money, what was over would not be discharged by the Town, but would be considered as a private debt.

The Select men having appointed Mr. John Sweetser one of the Persons to Warn Strangers to depart this Town, agreable to an Act of the General Court; the following Orders were given him.

Boston June 2d. 1762

Mr. John Sweetser

Sir,

The Selectmen hereby Appoint and impower you to make enquiry after all Strangers and other Persons who shall hereafter come into this Town and reside here that are not Inhabitants, and all such of them as you shall apprehend are in low circumstances, you are immediately Warn to depart the Town in fourteen Days, or give security to the satisfaction of the Select men, and this you are to do without any [36.] Further direction from us and when you have done the same you must report to the Selectmen, that they may give such other Orders respecting such Persons, as they shall Judge proper.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk

Note. You must apply to the Town Clerk for Warrants to Warn Strangers out of Town.

Passed upon several Accounts as on File of Accounts for this Month for which Drafts on the Treasurer were ordered by the Selectmen accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 9, 1762. ——

Present

John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Messrs. Austin Sewall and Lewis a Committee to order and inspect the Repairs of a Street lately laid out through Mackrel Lane.

Whereas a number of evil minded Persons have often frustated the design of having a Row of Elm on each [37.] Side of Boston Neck, by breaking or pulling up those Trees, The Selectmen taking into consideration the best method to prevent such abuses in future, and for bringing some late Offenders to Justice; have Ordered; that the Town Clerk put an Advertisement in all the News Papers, offering in their Names a reward of ten Dollars to

any Person who shall give information of such Trespassers so as he or they may be brought to Justice for said offence.

John Baker of Engine N°. —— presented Timothy Atkins and Thomas Christy as Suitable Persons for Engine Men in his Company in the room of Samuel Treat and Jonathan Low who have declined the service; when both were approv'd.

Capt. Reed of Engine N°. 5. presented Thomas Collier to the Selectmen as a suitable Person for an Engine man in his Company in the room of Joseph Baxter who has declined the service.

Voted, that Thomas Collier be and he hereby is admitted an Engine man in the Company belonging to M^{r}. Reeds Engine.

Messrs. Sewall and Lewis Appointed a Committee to view the High Way at the head of Thomas Hubbard Esqs. Land, and report as soon as may be what Repairs are wanted.

[38.] At a Meeting of the Select men, June 11, 1762.

Present
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
M^{r}. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

It being represented to the Selectmen, that the Fire was not extinguished in the Ruins of the Buildings at Williams's Court, and that it was not unlikely, but it might increase in ye Night, to the endangering the Houses near it. The Selectmen Ordered, that

William Dorrington &
Moses Barnes
Of the North Watch
Isaac Fowles
Robert Chusemon &
Robt. m^{c}.Elroy
of the Dock Watch
Francis Salmon &
Ichabod Williston
of the Town House Watch
& John Roustead
of the South Watch

Attend at William's Court this Evening in order to watch the Fire the whole of the Night, and that they imploy themselves in throwing Water upon the same till it is quite extinguish'd

[39.] It was further Ordered by the Selectmen, that Capt. Putnams and Capt. Reeds Engines, be placed at said Court there to remain untill the Morning.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 12, 1762.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Voted, that the Gate Way at the Fortification and the Building over it be repair'd, and the Gates removed And that the Committee Appointed the 21 of May last to consider what was proper to be done, be desired to see this Vote carried into execution as soon as may be.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 15, 1762. ——

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Coll. Phillips and Coll. Jackson of the Regiment of this [40.] Town, attended, and desired of the Selectmen the loan of a set of Carriage Wheels for Four Field Peices belonging to said Regiment, as also that they may be permitted the use of the Gun House at the Battery, for the Storing the same — Whereupon,

Messrs. Cushing and Hews were Appointed a Committee, to enquire and consider whether it is in the power of the Selectmen to comply with their requests, and to return an answer to said Gentlemen as soon as they are satisfied about it.

Gibbins Sharp Master of Engine N°. 2. Applyed to the Selectmen for an allowance of one Man to his Engine Company over and above the present number; and presented Gibbins Bove as a suitable Person for that service.

Voted, that his request be granted, and that the said Bove who is a Drummer in one of the Companys of our Melitia, and promisses to discharge that duty notwithstanding, be and he hereby is Admitted an Engine Man in Capt. Sharps Company.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 23^d^. 1762. ——

Present
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

[41.] M^r^. Nathan Speer presented a Petition to the Selectmen praying that they would view the place where he intends Erecting a Building, being at Cotta's Wharf so called, and that they would give their opinion whether a foundation can be obtain'd there for the same without very great expense.

Messrs. Sutton and Reed, Masters of different Engines applyd each for the Premium for playing first with their several Engines at the late Fire which broke out at M^r^. Bray's Bake house.

After hearing the Partys, and due examination the Premium of thirteen Shillings and four Pence granted by the Town was adjudged to m^r^. Sutton Master of the Engine N°. 7. and the Town Clerk was directed to give him a draft for the same next Draft Day.

Voted, that the Selectmen visit the Publick Schools in this

Town on Tuesday the twenty ninth Day of June Instant and that the following Gentlemen be desired to accompany them therein. Viz^{t}.

The Honble. Andrew Oliver Esq.
The Honble. William Brattle Esq.
The Honble. Thomas Hubbard Esq.
The Honble. Thomas Hancock Esq.
[42.] The Honble. Harrison Gray Esq.
The Honble. John Erving Esq.
The Honble. Benjamin Pratt Esq.
The Gentlemen the Representatives of the Town.
The Gentlemen the Overseers of the Poor.
The Rev^{d}. Joseph Sewall D.D.
The Rev^{d}. Charles Chancy D.D.
The Rev^{d}. Jonathan Mayhew D.D.
The Rev^{d}. Samuel Checkley
The Rev^{d}. Ebenezer Pemberton
The Rev^{d}. Samuel Mather
The Rev^{d}. Mather Byles
The Rev^{d}. Andrew Elliot
The Rev^{d}. Samuel Cooper
The Rev^{d}. Samuel Checkley Junr.
The Rev^{d}. Alexander Cummings
Richard Dana Esq.
Jeremiah Gridley Esq.
Roger Hale Esq. Collector of his Majesty's Customs
Richard Clark Esq.
Joseph Dowse Esq.
Epps Sergeant Esq.
Nathaniel Wheelwright Esq.
William Sheaffe Esq. Dep. Collector
John Erving Esq.
William Blair Townsend Esq.
[43.] William Story Esq.
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Oxenbridge Thacher Esq.
Middlecot Cook Esq.
M^{r}. Gorden, of South Carolina
M^{r}. Limers, of Surrinam
M^{r}. William Greanleaf
M^{r}. Samuel Adams
M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries
Capt. Benjamin Hammatt
M^{r}. Alexander Hill
M^{r}. John Dennie

Ordered, that M^{r}. Williston give seasonable notice to the several Gentlemen, of this Appointment and that they are desired to meet at the Selectmens Chamber at Nine o' Clock in the Morning of said Day; and that he acquaint the several School Masters there with.

Voted, that there be a Dinner provided for the above Gentlemen on the Day for visiting the Schools.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 28, 1762. ——

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
[44.] John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Voted, that the Town Clerk be and hereby is directed to wait on James Otis Esq. one of the Representatives of the Town for all the Papers in his hands relative to the late valuation, in order to take Copys of the same, for the future use of our Representatives at another valuation.

Liberty is granted Mr. Proctor for taking Paving Stones from the Beach at the bottom of the Common.

William Baker informed the Selectmen that he had taken into his Family as a Maid Servant, one Addleton from the Town of Milton.

Ordered, that Mr. Adams be directed to warn said Addleton to depart this Town, in the manner the law directs.

Messrs. Hews and Lewis Appointed a Committee to settle with the Town of Roxbury the Charge which has arisen for the support of one Doreas How at the Alms-House.

Capt. John Baker of Engine N. 1. Apply'd to the Selectmen for the addition of one Man to ye. Company of the Engine under his care, the present number not being in his opinion sufficient [45.] For so large an Engine, and presented Thomas Bradford as a suitable Person for that service.

Voted, that his request be granted, and that the said Bradford be and here by is admitted an Engine Man in Mr. Bakers Company accordingly.

Thomas Parker has liberty granted him by the Selectmen to dig up the Pavement and open the Ground in Long Lane in order to clean and repair his Drain, upon condition that he forthwith make good the Ground, and repave the same to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and four Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt

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	Of Penny White Loaf	0 -	8 -	2
	Wheaten	0 -	12 -	13
	Houshold	1 -	0 -	4
	Two Penny White Loaf	1 -	0 -	4
	Wheaten	1 -	8 -	6
	Houshold	2 -	0 -	4
[46.]	Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	9 -	2
	Houshold	6 -	8 -	10
	Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	2 -	4
	Houshold	12 -	13 -	
	Four Penny Brick Loaf	1 -	13 -	8

Mem°. a 4d. Brick Loaf is to weigh 3 oz. less than a 4d. White Loaf.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 7, 1762.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Mr. Sam. P. Savage
Samuel Sewall Esq.

Messrs. Cushing Scollay and Sewall Appointed a Committee, to get the top of the Drain at the Town Dock cover'd over with Clay, and that part of the Dock which the Reservoir is near, filled up; and to do all other things which shall then and there appear to them further necessary.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 12, 1762. —

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
[47.] John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. Sam. P. Savage

Capt. Robins having made Application to the Select men to know their Opinion whether a solid foundation can be had for a Building he purposes to Erect on his land at Bulls Wharf, without great expence and said Land having been view'd by the Select men,

Voted, That it is their Opinion that no solid foundation can be obtained without very great expence.

Mr. Temple Decoster having made Application to the Select men to know their Opinion, whether a solid foundation can be had for a Building he purposes to Erect on his Land at Bulls Wharf without very great Expence; and said Land having been accordingly viewed by the Selectmen,

Voted, That it is the Opinion of the Selectmen that no solid foundation can be obtaind for said Building without a very great expence.

Mr. John Pulling having made application to [48.] to the Selectmen to know their Opinion whether a solid foundation can be had for a Building he purposes to Erect on his Land at his Wharf, without great expence, and said Land having been accordingly view'd by the Selectmen, it was Voted,

that it is their Opinion that no solid foundation can be obtained without great expence.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 13, 1762. ——

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq

Mr. Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. Samuel P. Savage

Messrs. Green and Fellows two of the Clerks of the Market, appeard, and informed the Selectmen, that they were this Morning in execution of their trusts upon search for Bread in order to view weigh and try the same, when several of the Town Bakers; vizt. Mr. Syrcomb, Mr. mc.Neal, and Mr. Serien would not permit or suffer any search or seizure to be made, but did actually oppose and hinder the same. They there fore pray'd the the Opinion of the Select men as to a prosecution, and if it should be their sentiments, that they might in that case be directed to proper Council at the charge of the Town — Whereupon ——

[49.] Voted, that it is the Opinion of the Selectmen that said Bakers should be prosecuted, and that the Clerks of the Market who have entred their Complaint be directed to apply unto James Otis Esq. and Mr. Oxenbridge Thacher who are Council for the Town to conduct those Prosecutions at the publick Expence.

Voted, that Mr. Robert Pierpoint be desired to cover the Street leading from the Fortification Gates, into Town with Gravel and such other Materials as shall make a firm and good Way there; and that Messrs. Cushing and Scollay be a Committee to see it perfected.

Voted, that Messrs. Austin and Savage be a Committee to contrive the Gutter from Dr. Noyes' into the Drain near the Watch house, in such a manner as shall carry off the Water & so as may prevent any nusance before the Maket.

Voted, that Messrs. Scollay and Sewall be a Committee to see that the Two Receivers on the North side of ye Drain near the Market be cleansed, and put into proper order, and that the Pavement near the Conduit be repair'd and perfected.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 13, 1762.

Present

[50.] Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Mr. Samuel P. Savage
Samuel Sewall Esq.

The Select men having been informed, that Capt. Coombs Master of the Schooner Repulse, is stop at Rainsford Island as having the Small Pox on board — the following Directions were given the Keeper of the Hospital on that Island — vizt.

Boston July 14. 1762

Mr. Thomas Hartley
Sir

As the Schooner Repulse William Coombs Master, has the Small Pox on board and is now at your Island our Orders to you are, to take the best care you can of the Men that are sick on board, and when they can be removed to the Hospital with safety, let it be done but not before let those Persons who have not had

the Small Pox be taken on Shore to the Well House, and not suffered by any means to depart the Island; let the Vessell be smoak'd and cleansed as soon as it can conveniently be done, and Report to us; those Persons who have had the Distemper you may let depart after they are sufficiently cleansd, and have a new shift of Cloaths from [51.] Town; let no Person come upon the Island but by our permission, take care to be secured by the Capt. for what charge may arise upon Account of this Sickness

By Order of the Select men,
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

The following Letter was wrote Capt. Coombs,

Boston July 13. 1762

Capt William Coombs
Sir,

We received yours by Mr. Hartley informing us of your arrival at Rainsford Island having the Small Pox on board your Vessell, we are sorry for your misfortune, and have given Mr. Hartley Orders concerning everything relating to your Vessell and Men, you must not do or suffer anything to be done but by his direction — we shall dismiss you and your Vessell so soon as it can be done with safety of the whole.

Your humble Servants
THE SELECT MEN

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 14, 1762. P.M.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
[52.] Benjamin Auston Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Capt. Gibbins Sharp of Engine N 2. Apply'd for the Premium for working first with his Engine at the Fire which lately broke out at Hutchinsons Wharf.

Voted, that he have a draft for the Premium of Thirteen Shillings and four Pence allowed by the Town, next Draft Day.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and ten Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and four Pence p. Bushel is allowed the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows. Vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	0 -	7 -	8
Wheaten	0 -	11 -	4
Houshold	0 -	15 -	–
Two Penny White Loaf	0 -	15 -	–
Wheaten	1 -	6 -	9
Houshold	1 -	14 -	1
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	3 -	11
Houshold	5 -	9 -	11
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	7 -	7
[53.] Twelve Penny Houshold Bread	10 -	10 -	5
Four Penny Brick Loaf	1 -	11	

Mem°. a 4d. Brick Loaf is to weigh 3 oz. less than a 4d. White Loaf.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 19, 1762.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mr. Thomas Hartley Reported to the Selectmen — That he had sufficiently smoak'd and cleansed the Schooner Repulse Williams Coombs Master, which has lain for some days past at Rainsfords Island, that there was nothing now on board liable to retain any infection, and that it is his Opinion said Vessell may leave the Island, with the utmost safety to the Inhabitants.

Voted, that the above named Schooner has liberty to leave Rainsfords Island, provided all charges are first defrey'd by the Master — and that Certificates be given accordingly.

[54.] Boston July 19, 1762

Mr. Thomas Hartley

Sir

You having Reported to us that the Schooner Repulse William Coombs Master, which has been for some Days detained at Rainsfords Island, is now sufficiently smoaked and cleansed, and that there is nothing now on board liable to retain any Infection, so that she may in your Opinion leave the Island with the utmost safety to the Inhabitants. It is therefore our Orders that you permit said Vessell to depart after the Captain has satisfied you for all the Charge that has arisen upon Account of her detention

By Order of the Select men

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 26, 1762. ——

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.

The Selectmen passed the Accounts of this Month, and Ordered Drafts to be made on the Treasurer accordingly.

The Selectmen this Day agreed with Mr. Joseph Foye [55.] To take the Charge of the Pest House or Hospital at New Boston, and delivered him the Keys of the same accordingly.

Messrs. Hews and Cushing Appointed a Committee to examin into the Town Stock of Powder, and to Report as soon as may be the Quantity and conditions thereof.

Messrs. Scollay and Austin Appointed a Committee to provide a sufficient Stock of Bullets and Flints for ye use of the Town, and to see that all the Fire Arms are put in Order as soon as may be.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 4, 1762. Mr. Thomas Walley desired liberty to Erect a Number of Posts with Rails before his Shop near the Town Dock.

Voted, that Liberty be granted him accordingly, he observing the proper distance from said Shop.

Mr. Thomas Gray Applied to the Selectmen for their Opinion whether a solid foundation can be obtain'd for a Building he purposes to erect on his Wharf which is next Mr. Griffins — when Messrs. Sewall and Lewis were appointed a Commee. to view said Land.

[56.] Messrs. Hews and Cushing a Committee Appointed the 29 of July last to examin the Town Stock of Powder & Report,

That they had attended that business, and upon examination find that there is in the Powder House — vizt

Thirteen Barrels of Gun Powder &
Nineteen half Barrels of ditto

all which Powder they directed Mr. Loyd the Keeper of the Powder House to open shift and dry, that so it may be known what part of it is unfit for use and damaged.

Voted, that the Town Clerk be directed to publish in all the News Papers, the Law relative to Hucksters Forstalling the Market.

At a Meeting of the Select men, August 11, 1762.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mr. John Nevel appeard, and acquainted the Selectmen that he had taken into his family as a Servant one Mercy Spring from Watertown.

[57.] Mr. Angus Gair appeard, and acquainted the Selectmen that he has taken into his Family as a Maid one —— Coffin from Nantucket.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 16, 1762. ——

Present
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

James Otis Esq appeard, and acquainted the Selectmen that he had taken into his Family as a Servant a one ——— from Newfoundland.

The Selectmen passed upon the List of Persons licensed the last Year to sell strong drink both as Inholders and Retailers within this Town; and at the same time which was the 31st. of

last Month passed upon the Petitions for Licenses for the Year ensuing, and the following Persons only were approved and recommended vizt.

John Potter, living at an House at the South End adjoining M^{r}. Blakes — as an Inholder

[58.] Rebecca Coffin, living at the Crown Coffee House as an Innholder.

Mary Foster, living at the head of Coll. Nobles Wharf, as an Innholder.

Mary Simpson, at her House where M^{r}. Cowell dwelt as an Innholder

Thomas Chase at his Distilling House in Auchmuty's Lane, as a Retailer.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Six Shillings p. Bushel for Wheat, and four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	0	7	5
Wheaten	0	11	-
Houshold	0	14	10
Two Penny White Loaf	0	14	10
Wheaten	1	6	-
Houshold	1	13	4
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	4	1	15
Houshold	5	6	15
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	8	3	14
Houshold	10	11	4
Four Penny Brick Loaf	1	10	4

Mem^{o}. a 4.^{d}. Brick Loaf must weigh 3 oz. less than a 4^{d}. white Loaf.

[59.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 20, 1762. ——

Present

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
M^{r}. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

M^{r}. Thomas Hartley appeard and acquainted the Selectmen that the Schooner Meriah Daniel Stuart late Master belonging to Cape Ann was stopt at Rainsford Island, having on her passage from S^{t}. Kitts had the Small Pox on board, of which Distemper the Master died; No one of the Hands is sick with that illness at present, and but three of them are liable to take the Infection, the rest having had the Small Pox formerly.

Voted, that the following Orders be given M^{r}. Hartley.

Boston, August 21, 1762.

M^{r}. Thomas Hartley

Sir.

By information from you, the Schooner Meriah Daniel Stuart late Master is arrived from St. Kitts, on board which Vessell the Master lately died with the Small Pox — Our

directions to you therefore are, that those Persons who have not had the Small Pox be taken on shore, and that they be confined to the Well house — that all the Cloaths Bed Bedding, and everything that is on [60.] Board which is capable of taking Infection be brought on Shore and properly cleansed, that the Vessell also be well cleansed and smoked, and that no Person be allowed to go on Shore till further Orders.

Your humble Servts.

SELECTMEN

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 23d, 1762. Mr. Hartley informed the Selectmen that the Briggantine Polly Daniel Marquond Master belonging to Newbury was arrived at Rainsford Island from Gaudoloop, having four Persons now on board sick with the Small Pox, the other three Persons on board have had that Distemper on their passage but are now well.

Voted, that the following Orders be given Mr. Thomas Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island.

Boston, August 23d., 1762.

Mr. Thomas Hartley

Sir,

Being informed by your self and mr. Nathaniel Tayler, that the Briggantine Polly Daniel Marquond Master from Gaudoloop is at your Island and has the Small Pox on board, three Persons being now sick [61.] with That Distemper, the remaining part of the Crew having had it on their passage but now well.

Our directions to you are that as soon as possible you get the sick Persons on shore, and also the Beds Bedding and everything capable of retaining any infection, and that the Vessell be properly cleansed. You must not suffer any Person to come on Shore, untill further Orders from us, We are

Your Friends & Servants

THE SELECTMEN.

Complaint having been made to the Selectmen by Samuel Wentworth Esq. and others, that one of the Town Bulls is unruly and mischeivous, and has done great damage by breaking into Inclosers and destroying the Vegetables &c.

Voted, that the said Bull shall be killed, and that Mr. Procter the Master of the Alms house be desired to see the same done, and the Meat salted down for the use of said House.

Voted, that mr. Lewis be desired to agree with Jeremiah [62.] Gridley Esq. for a Bull he has offered for Sale upon the best terms he can, in order to replace the one ordered to be killed.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 25, 1762. ——

Present

Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Jacob Knoble apply'd to the Selectmen some Days, past for

liberty to make a new Drain from his House in Cow Lane, into the Common Shore at Summer Street.

Elizabeth Erving appeared, and acquainted the Selectmen that she had taken into her family one William Pulling and Wife who came from Newfoundland in Capt. Horne.

Hugh Hall Esq. appeard and acquainted the Selectmen, that he had admitted into his House as Tenants the 21 August Instant, the following Persons, Viz^{t} Matthew Gramtado his Wife and three Children, who came here from Newfoundland,— he is a Fisherman or Labourer.

[**63.**] William Human his Mother Wife and three Children, they came from Newfoundland, said Human is a Fisherman or Labourer.

Joseph Potell his Wife and Six Children, he is a Boat Builder by trade, but kept a Publick House at St. Johns Newfoundland before he left that place.

Voted, that Samuel Whentworth Esq. have liberty to dispose of the Town Bull which has done him so much mischief at his Farm on the Neck.

Voted, that the Bull left in the Common being old and insufficient, be disposed of to M^{r}. Thadeus Wyman of Cambridge, who offers for the same Forty eight Shillings Lawful Mony, and that M^{r}. Scollay be desired to receive the Mony.

Messrs. Hewes and Sewall Appointed a Committee to view the South Writing School, and Report whether it appears to them necessary that the Roof of the House should be Slated.

Complaint having been made the Select men that the Chimnes of M^{rs}. Blowers House in Long Lane are [**64.**] insufficient and dangerous.

Messrs. Thomas Daws and Richard Honnywell were impowered and desired to make a survey on the same, and Report as soon as may be.

At a Meeting of the Select men, August 26, 1762 ——

Present

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq

Mr. Thomas Hartly Reported, that the Briggantine Polly Daniel Marquand master which has been detain'd at Rainsford Island for sometime past upon Account of her having lately had the Small Pox on board, is now thoroughly smoked and cleansed, and that it is his Opinion she may be permitted to leave the Island with the utmost safety to the Inhabitants.

Voted, that said Briggantine Polly may be permitted to depart from Rainsford Island, and come up to Town, if the Owner sees cause, in consequence of the above Reports, and that a Certificate be given the Governor accordingly.

A Certificate of the above Vessells being in Circumstances to come up to Town was sent to his Excellency and is as follows.

[**65.**] May it please your Excellency.

The Briggantine Polly Daniel Marquond Master from West Indies lately ordered to Rainsfords Island as having the Small Pox on board has been sufficiently smoked and air'd and cleansed, and we are of opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the health of the Inhabitants if your Excellency think fit, We are,

Your Excellencys Most Obed^{t}. Hum. Servt.

Selectmen of Boston { JOHN SCOLLAY, BENJAMIN AUSTIN, SAMUEL SEWALL, EZEKIEL LEWIS }

To His Excell^{y}. Francis Bernard Esq.

Boston, August 26, 1762

The following Orders were given M^{r}. Thomas Hartley Keeper of the Hospital on Rainsfords Island.

M^{r}. Thomas Hartley

Sir,

Boston, August 26, 1762

You having reported to us that you had so cleansed and smoak'd the Briggantine Polly Daniel Marquond Master lately ordered to Rainsfords Island as having the Small Pox on board, so that she is now in circumstances to come up to Town, without endangering the health of the Inhabitants. Our Orders are that you permit said Briggandine to leave the Island provided the Captain [**66.**] Give you security for defreying the whole charge that has arisen by the detention of the Vessell at said Island.

Your Friends & Ser^{ts}.

THE SELECTMEN OF BOSTON

M^{r}. Samuel Stone presented a Petition to the Selectmen praying that he may be licensed to Retail Rum &^{c}. at his Distilling House near the Green Dragon, which Petitioner was approbated and recommended accordingly.

M^{r}. Robert Sloan presented a Petition to the Selectmen praying that he may be permitted to retail Rum &^{c}. at his Distilling House near the Flood Gates New Boston which Petitioner was approbated and recommended accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 30, 1762. ——

Present

Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

The Selectmen passed upon the Accounts of this, for which Drafts were ordered on the Treasurer accordingly

[**67.**] Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Six Shillings and two Pence p. Bushel for Wheat and four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for

their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	0	7	2
Wheaten	0	10	11
Houshold	0	14	4
Two Penny White Loaf	0	14	4
Wheaten	1	5	6
Houshold	1	12	8
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	4	2	3
Houshold	5	5	9
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	8	0	5
Household	10	11	2
Four Penny Brick Loaf	1	9	8

Mem. a 4^{d}. Brick Loaf is to weigh 3 oz. less than a 4^{d}. White Loaf.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk be and hereby is directed to furnish the Bakers as often as the Assize is Ordered with twelve of the Assizes; the Clerks of the Market with twelve and to Post up two more.

[68.] Messrs. Cushing and Scollay and Austin Appointed a Committee to enquire into the Circumstances of the People lately sent to the Hospital, who came here from New Foundland; as also what Necessarys are wanting for the Hospital and to Report the Next Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^{r}. 1, 1762. ——

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Complaint having been made that the Chimnies of m^{r}. Honnywells House near Bulls Wharf are insufficient and dangers.

Messrs: Thomas Daws and George Ray were impowered and desired to take a survey of the same, and make Report to the Selectmen as soon as may be.

The Select men were this Day informed that Messrs. Andrew and James Drummond, two single Men, and Shoemakers by trade, had come to this Town from Scotland with design to settle in this place.

[69.] Royal Tyler Esq. in the Name of the Overseers applyed to the Selectmen for liberty to open a piece of Ground in the Common opposite the Workhouses for a Sink to receive the Waste Water and filth from the Alms-house & Work house.

Voted, that liberty be granted accordingly, the Overseers, takeing proper care that the same be covered, and the Sods that are taken off are replaced.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^{r} 8, 1762.——

Present

Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.

Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mr. Thomas Hartley having Reported that Samuel Brockings Thomas Clarke and Josiah Wells who have lately had the Small Pox at the Pest House, are now well and may leave the Island with safety to the Inhabitants — whereupon,

Voted, That the following Orders be given to Mr. Hartley.

[70.] Sir,

You having Reported to us that Samuel Brockings Thomas Clarke and Josiah Wells who have lately had the Small Pox are now well; we consent that you permit the said three Men to depart the Island after being shifted and cleansed properly, provided you secure the charge you have been at on Account of their sickness.

Your Friends & Servants
SELECT MEN.

Mr. Samuel Procter was directed by Messrs. Hews and Scollay two of the Selectmen to receive into the Alms house on the Province Account one Frances Day who came to this Town, from St. Johns Newfoundland (via Newbury) and has not where withall to support himself.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 15, 1762.

Present
Samuel Hews Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

[71.] Mr. James Bernard Master of Engine No. 3. presented Elkonah Hayden as a suitable Person for an Engine Man in his Company in the room of Joshua Loring dismiss'd from the service.

Voted, that said Hayden be and hereby is Admitted an Engine Man in Mr. Bernards Company in ye. room of Mr. Loring dismiss'd.

Capt. Fortesque Vernon having made Application to the Select men to know their Opinion whether a solid foundation can be had for a Building he purposes to Erect on his wharf at the North part of the Town, without great expence, and said Land having been viewd by the Select men accordingly.

Voted, that it is the Opinion of the Selectmen that no solid foundation can be obtain'd for said Building without very great Expence.

The Selectmen having been acquainted that a number of Transport Vessels were arrived in our Harbour from Hallifax in the Province of Nova Scotia, having on board a great many Accadians or French Neutrals, brought here by Order of the Government of that Province, as also [72.] That some of those People had actually been landed in this Town — where upon —

Voted, that Mr. Thomas Williston be directed to take a Boat and go on board the Transport, now in the Harbour, in order to

enquire out the names of those Vessells and their Commanders to be immediately returned the Select men.

Mr. Williston attended and acquainted the Select men, that there was now in this Harbour the following Vessells with Accadians on board — vizt.

The Ship Lyon, - - -	Lovel Pennell	Commander
Ship Exchange - - -	Michael Pele -	Do.
Snow Charming Nancy -	Francis Haynes -	Do.
Schooner Chang. Nancy -	John Melony -	Do.
Sloop Dispatch - - -	William Scott -	Do.
Snow Hopson - - -	Thomas Dood -	Do.

The Select men having considered of this matter, Agreed upon a Letter to be deliver'd each of the above Captains by Mr. Williston, which Letter was in the Words, following — vizt.

Boston, September 1762

Sir,

Being informed that you have a number of Accadians on board the Vessell you Command, which you have brought from Hallifax in Nova Scotia, in Company [**73.**] With a number of of other Transports, being also informed that some of them have been landed from on board said Transports —. For your government with respect to this matter we would inform you, that by the Laws of this Province you cannot suffer any of your Passengers to land without first returning a list of them into the Import Office and giving Bond to prevent their being a Town or Province Charge, under the penalty of One hundred Pounds Lawful Mony, for every Passenger you so suffer to land, we therefore give you this notice that you may avoid the Penalty aforementioned, as you may depend we shall exact the same unless you strictly adhere to the Law in this case made and provided.

Your Most Hum. Servants
SELECT MEN.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 22, 1762 —
Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

[**74.**] Mr. Francis Salmon, Constable of the Town House Watch appear'd and acquainted the Select men, that he had pretty certain intelligence, that a number of disorderly Young Persons had formed a design to attack his Watch the ensuing Night, whereupon,

Voted, that Mr. Salmon be directed and impowered to procure what extraordinary help he may Judge necessary for the support of the Watch this Night.

Hugh Hall Esq. appeard and informed the Select men that he had admitted into his House in Lyn Street near Capt. Greenwoods Mast yard, as a Tennant, one James Howell a Fisherman.

Liberty is hereby granted Mr. Samuel Phillips Savage to dig up

the Pavement and open the Ground in the Lane leading from Brattle Square to Wings Lane in order to repair his Drain; upon condition that he forthwith make the Ground, and restore the Pavement to the satisfaction of the Select men.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Six Shillings and eight Pence p. [75.] Bushell for Wheat, and four Pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	0 -	6 -	10
Wheaten	0 -	9 -	15
Hous hold	0 -	13 -	4
Two Penny White Loaf	0 -	13 -	4
Wheaten	1 -	3 -	4
Houshold	1 -	10 -	8
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	3 -	11 -	9
Hou-hold	4 -	15 -	7
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	7 -	7 -	3
Houshold	9 -	14 -	14
Four Penny Brick Loaf	1 -	7 -	8

Mem^{o}. a 4^{d}. Brick Loaf is to weigh 3 oz. less than a 4^{d}. White Loaf.

Messrs. Cushing Scollay and Sewall Appointed a Committee to get Leaveret Lane opened into Milk Street.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^{r}. 27, 1762 (*sic*)

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
[76.] Samuel Sewall Esq
M^{r}. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq

Voted, that M^{r}. Thomas Williston be directed to warn all such Persons at the Hospital under M^{r}. Foyes care, as are now so well as to be able to get their livelihood by labour, to depart said House, acquainting them at the same time that it is the determination of the Selectmen, that such of them as are sick and infirm and so incapable of careing for themselves shall still be supported at the Publick Expence

At a Meeting of the Select men, September 21, 1762

It is Agreed upon and Ordered that Fryday the twenty fourth of this Instant September be the time for running the Line and renewing the Bound Marks between the Town of Boston and the Town of Roxbury, and that the Select men, Viz^{t}. Thomas Cushing, Samuel Hews, John Scollay, Benjamin Austin. & Samuel Sewall Esq. M^{r}. Samuel Phillips Savage, and Ezekiel Lewis Esq. or any two of them be a Committee for and in behalf of the Town of Boston fully Authoris'd and Impower'd to join with such Persons as

the Selectmen [77.] Of Roxbury shall Appoint and Impower to attend and perform the same, and that all Persons concerned therein be and hereby are desired to meet at the House of Mr. John Greaton at the Sign of the Grey Hound in Roxbury at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon of said Day in order to attend the said business. And the Town Clerk is here by directed to give seasonable notice by a Letter to the Selectmen of Roxbury of this Appointment, desiring them to Appoint and Impower a Committee in the behalf of the Town of Roxbury, to Join with us in that service accordingly. But if the Weather should prove wet and apparently unsuitable for the performance of said work on the Day above mentioned, then the same to be attended and performed on the Wednesday following (vizt.) on Wednesday the twenty ninth of September Current to meet at the said place at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon.

The following Letter was wrote to the Selectmen of Roxbury — Vizt.

Boston, September 21, 1762.

Gentlemen

These are to Notify you that this Year is the time wherein according to Law we are required [78.] To run the Boundary Line betwixt this Town and the Town of Roxbury. You are therefore desired to Appoint and Impower a Committee to Join with that of ours for the performance of that Service, and that they meet us at the House of mr. John Graton at the Sign of the Grey Hound in Roxbury on Fryday the twenty fourth of this Instant September at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon. — The Persons Appointed in be half of this Town, are the Select men. (Vizt.)

Thomas Cushing, Samuel Hews, John Scollay, Benjamin Austin, Samuel Sewall Esq. mr. Samuel Phillips Savage and Ezekiel Lewis Esq. and they or any two of them are Impower'd, to run the Line, and renew the Bound marks between the said Town of Boston and Roxbury accordingly.

But if the Weather on the said twenty fourth of September, Instant should prove wet and unsuitable for the performance of this Work, then we do propose and Appoint to attend the same on the Wednesday following (vizt.) on Wednesday the Twenty ninth of this Instant September to meet at the said place at ten O'Clock in the Forenoon.

By Order of the Select men

William Cooper Town Clerk

[79.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 24, 1762. —— Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel P. Savage
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

The Select men of Boston in Concert with the Select men of Roxbury Attended the Perambulation betwixt the Two Towns this

Day. A Report whereof is here Recorded and is as follows — Viz^{t}.

Pursuant to Agreement we the Subscribers Met at the time and place Appointed, and run the Line and renewed the Ancient Bound Marks, between the said Town of Boston and the Town of Roxbury, beginning at the Mouth of the Creek which Opens into the Bay leading to Cambridge and so goes as the Creek runs untill it comes to a Range with the Fence and Trees which parts between Aaron Davis's Land (formerly M^{r}. Nathaniel Brewers), [**80.**] And Samuel Wells Esq. Land, (formerly called M^{r}. Minots then across the Street or High Way till it comes to a large Stone standing end way in the Fence, and from thence to a Stump with a heap of Stones about Eighty feet from the High Way, and from thence streight to a little Knowl upon the Edge of the Creek, a Corner of the Bounds where stands a Stake Marked B in the Easterly side and R on the Westerly side, and from thence Easterly as the Creek runs till it comes to a Stake marked B. on one side and R on the other in Coll. Lambs Dam, and from thence as the Creek runs into the Bay between Boston and Dorchester. Dated the twenty fourth Day of September, Anno Domini 1762.

THOMAS CUSHING
SAMUEL HEWS
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
SAM. PH. SAVAGE
EZEKIEL LEWIS
Select men of Boston

SAMUEL HEATH
JOHN DAVIS
EBENEZ^{R}. NEWELL
EBEN^{R}. PIERPOINT
Select men of Roxbury

At a Meeting of the Select men, Septem^{r}. 29, 1762. ——
Present
[**81.**] John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

It being thought necessary that the Town House Watch of which M^{r}. Francis Salmon is Constable, should be strengthened.

Ordered, that M^{r}. Salmon have for the future Seven Men in said Watch including himself — That M^{r}. Samuel M^{c}.Clure Constable of the Dock Watch dismiss one Man from his said Watch, when there will still belong to it including himself Seven hands —

And that from this time the Constables Salmon and Mc. Clure divide the duty of the Eastern round between them.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Septem^{r}. 27, 1762. ——
Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
M^{r}. Sam. P. Savage

[82.] The Select men passed upon the Accounts of this Month for which Drafts were Ordered to be made on the Treasurer accordingly.

The Selectmen this Day passed upon M^{r}. Samuel Procter Keeper of the Alms House his two Accounts with the Province amounting to £19– 1/– and £236–2–7–

The Town Clerk is hereby directed to take a fair List of all the Newfoundlanders lately arrived here, as appears by the Impost Masters Books. — as also a List of all those who came here in the Carteel Vessell from Newfoundland, which may be had of Joseph Foye Keeper of the Hospital at New Boston.

Voted, that Messrs. Hews and Sewall be a Committee to get the Roof of the School House in the Common Slated if they shall apprehend that said Roof will bear it.

The Select men on Tuesday the twenty ninth Day of June last, Visited the Publick Schools pursuant to a Vote of the Town at their Annual Meeting in March last, accompanied by the following Gentlemen, Viz^{t}.

[83.] The Honourable William Brattle Esq.
The Honourable John Erving Esq.
The Honourable John Erving Esq. (*sic*)
The Honourable Thom^{s}. Hubbard Esq.
The Honourable Thomas Hancock Esq.
The Representatives of the Town
The Overseers of the Town
The Rev^{d}. Joseph Sewall D D.
The Rev^{d}. Charles Chancey D.D.
The Rev^{d}. Jonathan Mayhew D.D.
The Rev^{e}. Samuel Checkley
The Rev^{d}. Ebenezer Pemberton
The Rev^{d}. Samuel Mather
The Rev^{d}. Mather Byles
The Rev^{d}. Andrew Elliot
The Rev^{d}. Samuel Cooper
The Rev^{d}. Samuel Checkley Jr.
The Rev^{d}. Alexander Cummins
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Richard Dana Esq.
Middlecott Cook Esq.
Jeremiah Gridley Esq.
Joseph Dowse Esq.
[84.] Epes Sergeant Esq.
Roger Hale Esq. Collector of his Majestys Customs.
Richard Clark Esq.

William Story Esq.
William Blair Townsend Esq.
John Erving Esq.
Mr. John Dennie
Mr. Alexander Hill
Mr. Gorden - - - - - - - - a Stranger.
Mr. Limers - - - - - - - - Ditto
Mr. William Greenleaf
Oxenbridge Thacher Esq.
Mr. Samuel Adams
Mr. Treasurer Jeffries
Capt. Benjamin Hammatt

And found the South Grammar School had 119 Scholars the North Grammar School 68 Scholars, The South Writing School 236 Scholars, the North Writing School 176 Scholars, the Writing School in Queen Street 238 Scholars, all in very good Order.

[85.] The following is a List of the Persons in the Alms House on Province Account and Charge, taken the thirtyeth Day of June, 1762.

Persons	When received
Ephraim Goggin Mary Goggin Child	February 5 - - - - 1762
Edward mc. Gown - - - - - -	December 11 - - - - 1758
Isaac Orr - - - - - - - - -	December 31 - - - - 1761
William Manning - - - - - -	December 10 - - - - 1760
Archibald mc. Lane. (blind) - -	October 11 - - - - - 1761
John Walden (lost one Leg) -	December 1 - - - - 1761
John Forbes - - (blind) - -	December 9 - - - - 1761
Samuel Nickolson - - - - - -	December 31 - - - - 1761
John Hoar - - - - - - - -	April 19 - - - - - 1762
Mary Webb - - - - - - - -	April 26 - - - - - 1760
Ann Tyrrell - - - - - - - -	January 14 - - - - - 1762
Anna Smith - - - - - - - -	February 15 - - - - 1762
Two Children	
Abigail Ellson and Child - -	February 10 - - - - 1762
Anna Middleton - - - - - -	May 10 - - - - - - 1762
Abigail Hicks and Child - - -	June 9 - - - - - - 1762

The following Certificate was given Joseph Goldthwait [86.] Esq Last April — Vizt.

Boston April ——— 1762

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston hereby Certify all concerned that pursuant to the power given us by an Order or By Law of the Town passed the twelfth Day of December Anno Domini 1757. We have Agreed with Joseph Goldthwait Esq. of Boston to sweep or cause to be swept the Chimnies within the Town, and Appoint him to that Employment accordingly, and he has given security to our satisfaction, for performing his duty in that place for one Year from date.

We therefore prohibit any other person or persons either by himself or Servant to undertake the sweeping of any Chimnie in this Town, except such Chimnie or Chimnies as are under his or

their own improvement, as by the Law aforesaid they forfeit ten Shillings for every such offence.

THOMAS CUSHING
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
EZEKIEL LEWIS
Selectmen of Boston.

[87.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^r. 7, 1762.

Present
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
M^r. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

M^r. Stephen Greanleaf Master of Engine N. 9. appeard and acquainted the Selectmen, that three of his Company, vizt. Joseph Wheeler, Samuel Harris and Benjamin Bass were desirous of leaving that service, and proposed William Pennyman, John Greanleaf and Ambrose Searl as Proper Persons in their room.

Voted, that the above named William Putnam, John Greanleaf and Ambrose Searl be and hereby are admitted as Engine men in said Company.

Katharine Fox a Soldiers Wife lately arrived from Newfoundland in Schooner York, James Carlisle Master belonging to Old York, apply'd to the Selectmen for relief, or that they would procure her a passage to Philadelphia, her proper home.

[88.] Voted, that Capt. Hews be desired to procure the said Katharine Fox a passage to Philadelphia, in Capt. Whitmarsh bound there; and that he apply to Capt. Carlisle for the Expence, she may occasion, and in case of his refusing payment; that he be prosecuted according to Law.

Voted, that Messrs. Scollay and Savage be a Committee to see things put in proper order in the Selectmen's Chamber at Faneuil Hall; and that the Town Clerk is to follow their directions in the removal of the Books, Papers, &c. from the Town House to said Chamber.

Information being given the Selectmen, that the Yellow Fever is very brief in Philadelphia, which Distemper was brought there as conjectur'd from the Havannah as also that the Small Pox is at New York.

Voted that Application be made to his Honor the Lieutenant Governor for an Order to the Commanding Officer at Castle William, to stop all Vessells coming from the Havannah Philadelphia and New York and prevent their coming up to Town untill further Orders.

[89.] The following Letter was wrote His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, in consequence of the information given as Recorded on the other side.

May it please your Honor

Information having been given us that the Yellow Fever is very brief at Philadelphia which it is said was brought there from the Havannah, as also that the Small Pox is rife at New York. We think it our duty to acquaint your Honor therewith, and to request that you will be pleased to Order the Commanding Officer at Castle William to stop all Vessells coming from those three places, untill proper enquiry be made into the circumstances of such Vessells — We are

Your Most Oed^t. Hum. Ser^ts.
SELECTMEN OF BOSTON

Boston October 7. 1762

To His Honor the Lieu^t. Governor

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^r. 8, 1762.

[90.] Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
M^r. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

The Committee Appointed to survey M^rs. Blowers Chimnies Reported as their Opinion that the complaint was just, and said Chimnies so insufficient & dangerous that no fire should be made therein while they remain in such condition — Copys of said Warrant & Return are as follows, Viz^t.

Sirs

Complaint having been made to us that the Chimnies of the House in Long Lane owned by m^rs. Blowers are insufficient and dangerous. We do desire and impower you to survey the same, and Report to us your Judgement concerning them.

THOMAS CUSHING
BENJ^E. AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
EZEKIEL LEWIS
Selectmen of Boston

Boston Septem^r. 1. 1762

To Thom^s. Daws Esqr. & M^r. Rich^d. Hunnywell.

[91.] Boston, October 4. 1762

To the Gent^n. Selectmen

The Subscribers have carefully surveyd the Chimnies of the House in Long Lane owned by M^rs. Blowers and Report as follows — That the four Chimnies in the Garrets are insufficient and dangerous, that it's quite unsafe for fire to be made therein — also that it is very necessary that the Floors round the Chimnie in the Closets of the Chambers, should be taken up so that the Chimnies may be plastered on the outsides as there is appearance of danger from the Smoke coming through the Joints of

the Boards of the Floor, otherwise the Owner may loose her Houses and the Neighborhood be greatly endangered by Fire.

Thomas Dows
Rich^{D}. Hunnewell

In consequence of the above Return, the following Order was sent M^{r}. Brooks, the Person who occupys M^{rs}. Blowers House

M^{r}. William Brooks

Upon Complaint made by a number of the Inhabitants of the Town, of defects in [92.] The Chimnies of the House occupied by you, We issued our Warrant for a survey, a Copy of the Return, on said Warrant you have above. Agreable to the direction of the Law in that case made and provided, we hereby warn you not to make any Fire in said Chimnies till the defects are cured either by amending repairing or rebuilding said Chimnies as you would avoid the penalty of said Law.

By Order of the Selectmen

Boston, Octo^{r}. 8. 1762 William Cooper Town Clerk

The By Law or Order of the Town relative to Wood and Bark brought to this Town by Land having passed the Sessions; the Select men took into consideration what was necessary to be done in order to carry said Law into execution therefore

Voted, that there be three Persons Appointed as Measurers of all such Wood and Bark.

Voted, that m^{r}. John Potter be and hereby is appointed a Measurer of all Wood and Bark brought into Town by Land.

Voted, that M^{r}. Eliphalet Parker be and hereby is [93.] Appointed a Measurer of all such Wood and Bark as shall be brought into this Town by Land.

Voted, that M^{r}. Nathaniel Thayer be and hereby is appointed a Measurer of Wood and Bark brought into this Town by Land.

Messrs. Scollay and Savage Appointed a Committee to procure Gauging Rods for the Admeasurements of Wood and Bark brought into this Town by Land.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^{r}. 13, 1762.

Capt. Arthur Savage acquaints the Select men that he has taken into his House at the South End as a Tennant one Thomas Edes from Charlestown.

Benjamin Cooper appear'd and acquainted the Selectmen that he had received into his House, two Men, Viz^{t}. Benjamin Labree from Newbury, and Richard Levas from West Indies.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 15, 1762. ——

Present

[94.] Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
M^{r}. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis

Mess. Cushing and Scollay Appointed a Committee to Repair

the Way by the Fortification, by getting the Rubbish removed, and laying on as much Gravel as to them shall appear necessary.

The Selectmen taking into consideration the Vote of the Town relative to Repairing the Fortification Gates, Agreed, to defer said Repairs to a more favourable season of the year.

The Town Clerk is directed to get Printed in all the Publick News Papers, Extracts from the Law relative to Cord Wood brought in by Water.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 20, 1762.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
[95.] John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq
Mr. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis

Capt. James Bernard of Engine N. 3. presented Elkanah Hayden as a suitable Persen for an Engine Man in his Company in the room of Joshua Loring dismissd from the service.

Voted, that said Hayden be and hereby is Admitted an Engine Man in Mr. Bernards Company in the room of Mr. Loring who is dismiss'd.

Mr. Andrew Lepear having made Application to the Selectmen for their Opinion whether a solid foundation can be had for a Building he proposes to erect on his Land near Oliver's Dock, without great Expence, and said Land having been view'd by the Selectmen.

Voted, that it is their Opinion that no solid foundation can be obtained without a very great Expence.

Thomas Goldthwait Esq. to whom Deer Island, is Leased proposed to the Select men to lay a Stone Wall of Ten Rod in [96.] Length as a security to the Head of that Island from the violence of the Sea, and if it answers that end, to be allow'd by the Town Ten Dollars; but in case it should prove ineffectual, then to have but Five Dollars, for his trouble and Expence, whereupon,

Voted that Mr. Goldthwaits Proposal be accepted it appearing to the Select men very necessary that some Experiment, should be immediately made of a method to secure the Island from the Sea, which now every Winter washes away great quantitys of the Soil.

Mr. John Greaton who lives near the Fortification appeard, and acquainted the Selectmen, that he has laid out a considerable Sum in Buildings, and furnishing a Shop with a proper assortment of West India Goods Flower Rice &c. for the supply of the Country People; and therefore pray'd that he may have their Approbation for a License to Retail Rum &c. at his said Shop — whereupon

Voted, that he be accordingly Approbated, it appearing to the

Select men, that he is not only a suitable Person to Retail, but is also properly situated and provided for a Trade with the Country People.

[97.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 21, 1762. ——

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr Sam. P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq

The Honourable Thomas Hubbard & Thomas Hancock Esq. be a Committee from the Honble. His Majesty's Council, Represented, that Mr. George Morley and a great number of other Persons, lately come into this Place from Newfoundland, had apply'd to the Governor and Council to help them, to a passage for themselves and Familys to New foundland being very desirous of returning there again the Committee therefore desired that the Select men would make enquiry into the Circumstances of those People, and Report the same as soon as may be.

The Select men accordingly made enquiry into this matter and having examined the said George Morley and others, find that there is about Nineteen Familys of the Newfoundlanders making in all Ninety three Souls; that they are in [98.] Necessitous Circumstances, and not able to procure Employs that will support them, and consequently must be a great charge to the Province unless the Assistance they require should be afforded them — whereupon

Voted, that a Memorial be drawn up and preferred to His Excellency Governor Bernard & the Honble. His Majestys Councill, respecting the Newfoundland Familys which was accordingly done, and is as follows — Viz^t.

Province of the Massachusetts Bay,

To His Excellency Francis Bernard Esq. Capt. General and Commander in Chief, in and over said Province, and to the Honourable His Majestys Council.

The Memorial of the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Boston.

Humbly Sheweth

That the Honourable Thomas Hubbard Esq. and Thomas Hancock Esq. a Committee from the Honourable Board have desired your Memorialists to enquire into the Circumstances of George Morley [99.] And others, who lately came from Newfoundland Your Memorialists have accordingly made the enquiry and find they are truly necessitous Persons, and as they cannot meet with employ here are desirous to return but are not able to pay the passage of themselves and Familys, they therefore request some Assistance, which Assistance if not afforded them and they continue here during the Winter, great charge will thereby accrue to the Province; all which is humbly submitted to your Excellency and Honors wise consideration

And your Memorialists as in duty bound shall ever pray,

THOMAS CUSHING
SAMUEL HEWS
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
M^r^. SAM P. SAVAGE
EZEKIEL LEWIS
Select men of Boston

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^r^. 25, 1762. ——

Present

[100.] Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
M^r^. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Seth Jenkins Master of Sloop Marquis of Granby which has been stopp'd at Castle William as coming from Philadelphia, where the Small Pox and other infectious Distempers prevail, — Reports, That he sayled from Philadelphia the ninth Instant that his Lading consists of Flour Iron and Hemp, that he received his Hemp, from Stores on the Wharves, that he took no other Goods, from on shore that are liable to infection, and that they have had no sickness on board since they left the above Port.

Voted, that the Sloop Marquis of Granby be permitted to come up to this Town if the Owners see cause; and that a Certificate be given his Excellency which was [101.] Accordingly done and is as follows — vizt.

May it please your Excellency

The Sloop Marquis of Granby Seth Jenkins Master from Philadelphia, being stop'd at Castle William on Account of Infectious Distempers prevaling in that City, and the Master having been examined by us, we are of Opinion said Vessell may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the health of the Inhabitants, if your Excellency thinks proper — We are

Your Excell^y^. Most Obed^t^. Hum. Serv^ts^.
SELECT MEN OF BOSTON

Boston October 25, 1762

His Excellency Francis Bernard Esq.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 25, 1762 P.M.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hew Esq.
Benjamin Austin
Samuel Sewall Esq.
[102.] M^r^. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mem^o^. of the Familys now in this Town who came from y^e^. Land, with their Circumstances as taken from George Morley, the twenty second of this Ins^t^. October.

George Morley, his Wife & five Children, not able to pay their passage to the Land.

Henry Radford, his Wife & 6 Children - - - - - - d°.
Walter Degrave and Sister - - - - - - - - - - d°.
Morgan Murphey Wife and 3 Children - - - - - d°.
James Winter his Wife, Father, Mother, & a Child. - d°.
John Marshall, his Father, Mother & 2 Children - - d°.
James Clark, his Wife & 8 Children - - - - - - - d°.
Joseph Pottells his Wife and 7 Children - - - - d°.
Mary Greenlace and four Children - - - - - - - d°.
James Howell, Wife & 7 Children (very poor) - - d°.
Mary Worth and two Children (very poor) - - - - d°.
William Pulling and Wife - - d°. - - - - - - - d°.

[103.] William Stone, his Wife and one Child, not able to pay their passage to the Land - - - - - - - - -

Patrick Connell and Wife - - - - - - - - - - - d°.
Edward Freeman and 3 Children - - - - - - - - d°.
Joseph Newell his Wife and 1 Child - - - - - - - d°.
Andrew Murphey and Wife - - - - - - - - - - - d°.
George Wood his Wife and 2 Children - - - - - - d°.
William Whiting, his Wife and 4 Children - - - - d°.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Six Shillings and Eight Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

	l. - oz. - dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	0 - 6 - 10
Wheaten	0 - 9 - 15
Houshold	0 - 13 - 4
Two Penny White Loaf	0 - 13 - 4
Wheaten	1 - 3 - 4
Houshold	1 - 10 - 8
[104.] Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	3 - 11 - 9
Houshold	4 - 15 - 7
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	7 - 7 - 3
Houshold	9 - 14 - 14
Four Penny Brick Loaf	1 - 7 - 8

Mem°. a 4^{d}. Brick Loaf must weigh 3 oz. less than a 4^{d}. White Loaf.

Complaint having been made that the Chimnies of the Widow Nortons House situated near the Almshouse are insufficient and dangerous — Messrs. Thomas Daws and Daniel Bell were impowered and desired to survey the same, and Report their Opinion as soon as may be.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, at their Chamber in Faneuil Hall, being the first time since the late Fire, October 27, 1762.

Present
Samuel Hewes Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
[105.] Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.

M^r^. Samuel p. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Messrs. Austin and Sewall Appointed a Committee to enquire of M^r^. Billings, what Mony he may have in his hands, which he has received for Dockage from the Oyster Men whose Vessels have laid at the Towns side of the Dock and which he was look after; as also to consider on the best method to improve the Towns Interest in said Dock or Cove, and to Report as soon as may be.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, November 1, 1762.

Present
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq.
M^r^. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Nathaniel Sheverick, Master of Sloop Love, which [**106.**] Has been stopt at Castle William as coming from Philadelphia where the Small Pox and other infectious Distempers prevail Reports — That he left Philadelphia Nineteen Days ago, his Lading consisting of Flour and Salt and that there is no Person sick on board, neither has their been any sickness on board since he went from Boston.

Voted, that the said Sloop may come up, and that the following Certificate be given the Governor.

May it please your Excellency

The Sloop Love Nathaniel Sheverick master from Philadelphia being Stopt at Castle William on Account of Infectious Distempers prevaling in that City, and the Master having been examined by us; we are of Opinion said Vessell may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the health of the Inhabitants, if your Excellency thinks proper, We are

Your Excellencys Most obed^t^. Hum. Serv^s^.
SELECTMEN OF BOSTON.

Boston Novem^r^. 1, 1762
His Excellency Francis Bernard Esq.

[**107.**] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 1, 1762. P.M.

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
M^r^. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq

Capt. Edmund Moreton Master of the Schooner Dove Reports, that he arrived from Philadelphia this Morning at Castle William and was there stopt on Account of the Small Pox, and other infectious Distempers being at that City: that he has been nine Days from thence and all his People well; that his Cargo consists of Flour and Iron; and he has nothing on board liable to infection.

Voted, that he be permitted to come up and that the following Certificate be given to the Governor — vizt.

May it please your Excellency

The Sloop Dove Edmund Morton Master from Philadelphia being stopt at [**108.**] Castle William on Account of infectious Distemper prevailing in that City, and the Master having been

examined by us, we are of Opinion, said Vessell may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the health of the Inhabitants, if your Excellency think Proper, We are

Your Excell$^{y's}$. Most Obed^{t}. Hum. Servt.

Select men of Boston

Boston Novem^{r} 1. 1762

His Excellency Francis Bernard Esq.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novem^{r}. 2, 1762. ——

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
M^{r}. Samuel P. Savage

The Selectmen having been informed that Capt. **[109.]** John Phillips of the Schooner Diana, had arrived from Philadelphia, that Just upon his departure he landed a Person sick with the Small Pox — that he left Philadelphia eight Days ago; that he had given a false answer at the Castle, and by that means was permitted to pass whereupon,

Voted, that M^{r}. Williston be directed to warn the said Capt. Phillips to attend the Select men at their Chamber, to Morrow Morning at ten o'Clock.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 3, 1762. A.M.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewell Esq.
M^{r}. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Capt. John Phillips appear'd and upon examining Him **[110.]** with respect to the information received Yesterday, it appeard; that he left Philadelphia the twenty second of October, that on the sixteenth of October landed a person who was indisposed, and was apprehended by the Docter, was ill with the Small Pox, but there was not any eruption, though it proved afterwards to be the Small Pox — that he gave a true answer, to the Castle, but as it was very windy he supposes they could not hear him, and so permitted him to pass — That his Cargo consists of Flour and Iron.

At a Meeting of the Select men Novr. 3, 1762. P.M.

Present

Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

[111.] The Committee Appointed to survey the Chimnies of the Widow Nortons House, Reported. Copy of the Warrant appointing them and their Return as follows.

Sirs

Complaint having been made to us that the Chimnies of the House near the Almshouse owned by the Widow Norton are insufficient, and dangerous: We do desire and impower you to survey the same, and Report to us your Judgment concerning them.

THOMAS CUSHING
SAMUEL HEWS
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
Select men of Boston

Boston October 25. 1762

To Thomas Daws Esq. and Mr. Daniel Bell.

Boston November 29. 1762

To the Gentlemen Select men

Agreeable to the within the Subscribers have Surveyd the Chimnies as also the House owned by the Widow Norton near the Almshouse and Report that the Chimnies are insufficient and dangerous as is the House, further that we are very apprehensive of the House falling before the Spring, and therefore exceeding dangerous for any to reside therein

THOMAS DAWS
DANIEL BELL

In consequence of the above Return the following Order [112.] Was sent Mrs. Norton.

Boston November 2d., 1762.

Mrs. Norton

Upon complaint made by a number of the Inhabitants of this Town of defects in the Chimnies of the House occupied by you, we issued our Warrant for a survey, a Copy of the Return on said Warrant you have above. Agreable to the direction of the Law in that case made and provided, we hereby warn you not to make any Fires in said Chimnies till the defects are cured either by mending repairing or rebuilding said Chimnies as you would avoid the penalty of said Law

SELECT MEN OF BOSTON.

Mr. Stephen Symms Constable of the South Watch appeard, and informed the Selectmen that the Watch House wants Repair.

Voted, that Mr. Bayley be directed to Repair it.

Complaint having been made that the Chimnies in a small Tenement at the back of Mr. Vintenons House in Sudbury Street are insufficient and dangerous.

Messrs. William and Michael Homer were empower'd and desired to survey the same, and Report their Opinion as soon as may be.

[113.] Complaint having been made that the Chimnies in a House belonging to Mr. Emmons in Sudbury Street are insufficient and dangerous — Mess. William and Michael Homer were impower'd

and desired to survey the same, and Report their Opinion as soon as may be

Copy of the Warrant issued is as follows

Sirs

Complaint having been made to us that a Chimnie in a small Tenement at the back of Mr. Vintenons house in Sudbury Street, also that a Chimney in a House belonging to Mr. Emmons in said Sudbury Street occupied by Mr. Wyer a Dutchman are both so defective as renders it dangerous to make a Fire in either of them not only to said House but also to the Neighbourhood. We desire and impower you to survey the same and Report to us your Judgment concerning them.

Thomas Cushing
Samuel Hews
Samuel Sewall
Sam. P. Savage
Ezekl. Lewis
Select men of Boston

Boston Novemr 8, 1762.

To Messrs. William and Tichael Homer.

[114.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novemr. 8, 1762. — Present

Samuel Hews Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Capt. Joseph Hubbard of the Briggandine Hannah from New York, was sent for and examined — He declares that upon his being haled at the Castle, he answered from York, but could not hear what was said to him, the Wind blowing hard — further that his People are all well, that he has had no sickness on board since he left Boston, and that his People have not been on Shore at New York.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novemr. 10, 1762

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mr. Jonathan Payson one of the Collectors of Taxes for the [115.] year 1760 having produced Receipts from the several Treasurers in full for the Tax committed to him to Collect for that year.

Voted, that a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer to pay him his One Quarter part of the Premium allowed for Collecting the whole Tax in said year, being £. 179 – 5 – 11.

It having been represented to the Selectmen that at Cellar at

Phillips Wharf owned by John Boreland Esq. is uncovered and has so much Water in it as to make it dangerous.

Voted, that Mr. Williston be directed to acquaint Mr. Boreland therewith, and that it is the desire of the Selectmen that said Cellar may be immediately covered.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 12, 1762. —

Present

Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. Samual P. Savage

Capt. Tayler of Sloop Elizabeth from Philadelphia, stopt at the Castle as a precaution against infectious Distempers [116.] Attended the Selectmen, and upon examination declares that he left Philadelphia the twenty ninth Day of October last, that they were all well on board his Vessell while at that place, and that they have been so ever since.

Voted, that Capt. Tayler be premitted to come up with his Vessel, and that the following Certificate be given him for his Excellency.

May it please your Excellency

Enock Tayler Master of the Sloop Elizabeth, lately from Philadelphia which Sloop is stop'd at Castle William, having been examined by us we are of opinion said Vessell may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the health of the Inhabitants, if your Excellency thinks proper. We are

Your Excellenc'ys Most Obedt. Hum. Sert.

SAMUEL HEWS
JOHN SCOLLAY
SAMUEL SEWALL
SAM P. SAVAGE

Boston, Novemr. 12, 1762

To his Excellency Governor Bernard

[117.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novemr. 15, 1762.

Present

John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq
Mr. Sam. P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Capt. Lemuel Weeks in a Sloop from Philadelphia, stopt at Castle William, came before the Select men, and declared; That he sayled from Philadelphia the fourth Instant that his Lading consists wholly of Iron Flour and Bran — and that no one Person has been sick on board him since he left Boston.

Voted that Capt. Weeks be permitted to bring up his Vessell and that the following Certificate be given his Excellency.

May it please your Excellency

Lemuel Weeks Master of the Sloop ——— lately from Philadelphia, which Sloop is stop'd at Castle William having been examined by us we are of Opinion said

Vessell may be permitted to come up to Town, without endangering the health of the Inhabitants, if your Excellency thinks proper.

We are Your Excell^{y} Most Obed^{t}. Hum. Serv^{ts}.

JOHN SCOLLAY
SAMUEL SEWALL
M^{r} SAM. P. SAVAGE
EZEKIEL LEWIS ESQ.

Boston Novr. 25. 1762 Selectmen of Boston

To His Excell^{y}. Govr. Bernard.

[118.] John Steward Pilot of Schooner Leopard Thomas Church Master, which Schooner is stop'd at Castle William came before the Select men and declared — That said Vessell sailed from Philadelphia the 2^{d}. of this Ins^{t}. Novem^{r}, that he has been on board her ever since, and has at present the Command of said Vessell; that there is no sickness on board, that Capt. Church went on shore at Hingham, where is his Family somewhat indisposed, but does not apprehend, he has taken the Small Pox; that said Vessell is loaded with Flower and Iron, and about two Tons of Hemp, which Hemp he does not imagine has been exposed to infection.

Voted, that Capt. Churchs Schooner be permitted to come up to Town, and that the following Certificate be given his Excellency.

May it please your Excellency

John Steward Pilot of Schooner Leopard lately from Philadelphia, which Sloop is stop'd at Castle William, having been examined by us we are of Opinion said Vessell may be permitted to come up to Town, without indangering the health of the Inhabitants, if your Excellency thinks proper — We are —

[119.] Your Excell^{y}. Most Obed^{t}. Hum. Servt.

JOHN SCOLLAY
SAMUEL SEWALL
M^{R}. SAM. P. SAVAGE
EZEK^{L}. LEWIS

Boston Novem^{r}. 25, 1762. Selectmen of Boston

To his Excellency Governor Bernard.

M^{rs}. Mary Sigorney Widow of Andrew Sigorney late of Boston Distiller, deceased, who was licensed as a Retailer the present year, Petitioned the Selectmen for their Approbation of her as a Retailer of Rum &^{c}. the remainder of the Year.

Voted, that M^{rs}. Sigorney be Approbated as a Retailer of Rum & other Spirits the remainder of the Year, and that a Certificate be given accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^{r}. 17, 1762.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benj^{a}. Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq.
M^{r}. Sam. P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

[120.] Mr. Gibbins Sharp Master of Engine No. 2. presented to the Selectmen Samuel Brown as a suitable Person for an Engine man in his Company in the room of William Hill who has left the service.

Voted, that the said Brown be & hereby is admitted an Engine Man in Mr. Sharps Company, in the room of the said William Hill who has left the service.

Mr. Alexander Hunt Ship Carpenter, having suppl'd the Town with the Ship Timber at sundry times, and being indebted to the Town Treasurer on Bond — motioned to the Select men, that his Account may be allowed, and that Interest on his Bond shall cease from the time the last Timber is charged being September 16. 1761. whereupon ——

Voted, that Mr. Hunts Motion is agreed to and that the Town Treasurer be directed to adjust Matters accordingly.

Messrs. Cushing Scollay and Austin Appointed a Committee to view the Town Slip opposite Wood Lane; and Report what Repairs are necessary.

Mr. William Henshaw whose Shop is at the South End Petitioned the Selectmen for their Approbation of him as a Retailer of Rum and other Distilled Spirits; and it appearing to the Select men that he was well situated for the supply [121.] Of Country Traders; and had a Shop well provided for that purpose; he was accordingly approbated.

Mr. ——— Ingersol who keeps a Store on Wheelwrights Wharf, Petitioned the Select men for their approbation of him as a Retailer of Rum and other Distilled Spirits at his said Store, and it appearing to the Selectmen that he was well situated for a trade with the Coasters and other Sea faring Men; he was accordingly approbated.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novemr. 22d, 1762.

Present

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. Sam. P. Savage

Capt. John Waterman of Sloop Deborah from Philadelphia being stop'd at Castle William on account of Infectious Distempers prevailing in that City, came before the Selectmen, and declared — That he left Philadelphia Thirteen Days ago, his People all well; that his Lading consists of Flour and Iron, and that he has nothing on board liable to retain any infection.

[122.] Voted, That Capt. Waterman be permitted to come up to Town with his Vessell, and that the following Certificate be given him for his Excellency.

May it please your Excellency

Capt. John Waterman of the Sloop Deborah from Philadelphia, stop'd at Castle William has been examined by us, and we are of Opinion that no danger can arise to the Inhabitants of this Town

by her being permitted to come up if your Excellency think proper — We are

Your Excellencys Most Obed^{t}. Hum. Servt.

John Scollay
Benj^{A}. Austin
Samuel Sewall
Sam. P. Savage

Boston Novem^{r}. 22^{d}. 1762 Selectmen of Boston

To His Excellency Governor Bernard

Capt. Edward Church of Sloop Bathsheba from Philadelphia, being stop'd at Castle William, on account of Infectious Distempers prevailing in that City, came before the Selectmen and declared — That he left Philadelphia fifteen Days ago; his People all well; that his Lading consists of Flour Iron and some Hemp, but that he took the latter Article on board out of a Store at a [**123.**] Considerable distance from the City, where it had been housed all Summer.

Voted, that Capt. Church be permitted to come up to Town with his Vessell, and that the following Certificate be given him for his Excellency.

May it please your Excellency

Capt. Benjamin Church of the Sloop Bathsheba from Philadelphia stop'd at Castle William, has been examined by us, and we are of Opinion that no danger can arise to the Inhabitants of this Town, by her being permitted to come up if your Excellency think proper, We are,

Your Excell^{ys} Most Obed^{t}. Hum. Servt.

John Scollay
Benjamin Austin
Samuel Sewall
Sam. P. Savage

Boston, Novem^{r}. 22^{d}, 1762 Selectmen of Boston

To His Excellency Governor Bernard

At a Meeting of the Select men Novem^{r} 22 P.M.

Present

John Scollay Esq.
[**124.**] Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Sewall Esq.
M^{r}. Sam. Ph. Savage

William Brown Master of the Amhurst Frigate from New York, stop'd at Castle William on account of infectious Distempers prevaling in that City, Appear'd & Reported, That he left New York the 12 Instant at which place he arrived from the Havannah via South Carolina, but brought no Soldiers or Cloathing belonging to them; that he has nothing on board his Ship, but Ballast, and that his Crew are all in health.

Voted, that Capt. Brown be permitted to come up to Town with his Vessell, and that the following Certificate be given him for his Excellency.

May it please your Excellency

Capt. William Brown of the Amhurst Frigate from New York

stop'd at Castle William has been examined by us, and we are of Opinion that no danger can arise to the Inhabitants of this Town by her being permitted to come up, if your Excellency thinks proper. We are.

[125.] Your Excell^{ys}. Most Obed^{t}. Hum. Servants

JOHN SCOLLAY ESQ
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
SAM. P. SAVAGE

Boston, Nov^{r}, 22^{d}. 1762 Selectmen of Boston

To His Excellency Governor Bernard

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novem^{r}. 24, 1762.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mess. Scollay and Austin Appointed a Committee some time past to place the Ladders bought for the Town, at the best and most convenient stations — Report —

That —— Ladders were placed at the North Lattin School Yard.
ditto - - - - - - - - at Faneuil Hall Market
ditto - - - - at a Yard opposite W^{m}. Fletchers House, and under ye care of M^{r}. Gershom Flagg.

[126.] A Petition of M^{r}. William Price directed to the Selectmen and his Majestys Justices of the Town of Boston, praying an allowance for a large Wooden Building which did belong to the Petitioner and was ordered down at the late Fire near the Brick Meeting House for the preservation of the Buildings contiguous — was read —whereupon — Voted, that the following Letter be wrote the Honourable Samuel Wells Esq. —

Sir,

If your Honor will please to communicate the Inclosed Petition to the Justices of the Town, we shall be ready to meet them for the consideration thereof at the time and place your Honors may see meet to appoint for that purpose

Your Most Hum. Servt.

THOMAS CUSHING
SAMUEL HEWS
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
EZEKIEL LEWIS

Boston Novem^{r}. 24. 1762. Selectmen of Boston.

To the Honble. Samuel Wells Esq.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^{r}. 29, 1762.

[127.] Present
Thomas Cushing Esq

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

John Ruddock Esq. one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1760. having produced Receipts from the several Treasurers in full for the Tax committed to him to Collect for that year.

Voted, that a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer to pay him his One Quarter part of the Premium allowed for Collecting the whole Tax in said year, amounting to £. 176. 5. 11

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Seven Shillings p. Bushel for Wheat, and for Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is commited as follows — Vizt.

		l.	oz	dr.
	Of Penny White Loaf	0	6	4
[128.]	Wheaten		9	8
	Houshold		12	10
	Two Penny White Loaf		12	10
	Wheaten	1	2	14
	Houshold	1	9	4
	Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	3	8	5
	Houshold	4	8	2
	Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	7	1	
	Houshold	9	7	7
	Four Penny Brick Loaf - - - -	1	6	4

Memo. a 4d. loaf of Brick Bread is 3oz. less than a 4d. White Loaf.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decemr. 1, 1762. ——
Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. Sam. P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

[129.] Liberty is hereby granted the Widow Cannady to dig up the Pavement and open the Ground in North Writing School Street in order to clean or repair her Drain upon condition that he forthwith make good the Ground and restore the Pavement to the satisfaction of the Select men.

Capt. Archabold Lows of Schooner Thankful from Newfoundland, appear'd, and informed the Select men that he has brought Passengers, Christopher Edmunds Wife and two Sons Inhabitants of Newfoundland, who desire liberty to remain in the Town till the Spring, and are in his Opinion able to support themselves.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decemr. 2d, 1762.
Present
Thomas Cushing Esq

Benjamin Austin Esq.
Mr. Sam. P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Capt. Wimble of Sloop Stanford attended, being sent for by the Selectmen, and acquainted them, that he left New York last Fryday; that his Lading consists of Flour [130.] Iron and some Chests of Soldiers Clothing, which came from Albany; that all his People are well as they have been the Voyage round — In excuse for his coming up to Town with his Vessell before receiving a Permit he said that he thought the design of stopping at the Castle was to prevent infections Distempers being brought among the inhabitants, and having had no sickness on board he did not suspect his coming up before he had waited on the Selectmen would be deemed a trespass, he therefore pray'd that this heed neglect, which is his first offence of this sort may be passed over, without a prosecution, for the Penalty he may have thereby incurr'd.

Mr. Samuel Adams one of the collectors of Taxes for the Year 1760 having produced Receipts from the several Treasurers in full for the Tax committed to him to Collect for that Year.

Voted, that a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer to pay him his One Quarter part of the Premium allowed for Collecting the whole Tax in said Year amounting as by the Assessors Memo. to £. 176-5-11.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decemr. 2, 1762.
Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Mr. Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq

A Certificate of the Briggandine Free Mason from the Havannah, John Robinson Master, being in Circumstances to come up to Town, was sent his Excellency, and is as follows, Vizt.

May it please your Excellency.

Capt. John Robinson of the Briggne Free Mason from the Havannah and New York, stopt at Castle William on Account of the Sickness at the Havannah and New York has been examined by us, and we are of Opinion said Vessell may be permitted to come up to Town, without danger to the Inhabitants, if your Excellency thinks proper. We are

Your Excellencys Most Obedt. Hum. Servt
THOMAS CUSHING
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAM. P. SAVAGE
EZEKIEL LEWIS
Select men of Boston

Boston December 2d. 1762
To His Excellency Governor Bernard.

[1.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decemr. 6, 1762 ——
Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
John Scollay Esq.

Samuel Sewall Esq
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Capt. Gideon Smith of Sloop Fox from Philadelphia has been stopt at Castle William on Account of Infectious Distempers prevailing in that City, appeard, and informed the Selectmen, that he has been from thence seventeen Days, that they are all well and have been so during the Voyage, that his Cargo consists of Flower and Iron — The Selectmen apprehending no danger by the said Vessells being permitted to come up to Town, gave a Certificate accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decemr. 8, 1762 A.M.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. Sam. P. Savage

Josiah Gorham Master of the Sloop Diana from Philadelphia, having been stop'd at Castle William, Declares, that he has been from Philadelphia twelve Days, that his People are well and have been so since he left Nantasket Road to his return and that his Cargo wholly consist of Flower — The Selectmen [2.] Apprehending no danger by the said Vessells being permitted to come up to Town — A Certificate was given him accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decemr. 8, 1762. P.M.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Capt John Gibbs of Sloop Industry from Philadelphia attended and Reports, that he left that City about fifteen Days since that not one of his People have been sick since they left Boston, and that his Lading consists wholly of Flour and Iron — The Select men apprehending no danger by the said Vessells being permitted to come up to Town — A Certificate was given him accordingly.

The Selectmen having received information that the Yellow Fever lately so rife at Philadelphia, is now very considerably abated, agreed upon the following Letter to be sent his Excellency.

May it please your Excellency

As the Yellow Fever is much abated at Philadelphia and the season of the Year advancing [3.] When it will be dangerous for Vessells to Anchor in the Harbour, we would request that the Order for stopping Vessells at Castle William which came from thence, may be taken off if your Excellency see fit — We are

Your Excellencys Most Obed^{t}. Hum. Serv^{ts}.

THOMAS CUSHING
SAMUEL HEWS,
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJ^{A}. AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
EZEKIEL LEWIS

Decem^{r}. 8. 1762 Select men of Boston

To His Excell^{y}. Francis Bernard

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 10, 1762. —

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq.
M^{r}. Sam. P. Savage

Capt. William Wingfield in the Ship King of Prushia from the Havannah last from Rhode Island was Stopt at Castle William on account of Infectious Distempers prevailing at the former place, and being examined by the Select men he declared — That all his People on board are well — That the Troops he brought from the Havannah were landed at N. York, when their Cabbins were immediately knock'd down, and his Ship cleansed — That he sayled from the Havannah the 27. of October last, and left N york this Day fortnight and that he's nothing new on board save some Provisions belonging to the King — Where upon

Voted, that the Ship be permitted [4.] To come up to Town, and a Certificate given him for the Governor which is as follows

May it please your Excellency

Capt. William Wingfield of the Ship King of Prushia from the Havannah, which Vessell is now stopt at Castle William, has been examined by us, and we are of Opinion said Vessell maybe permitted to come up without endangering the Inhabitants of the Town, if your Excellency think proper — We are

Your Excell^{ys} Most Obed^{t}. Hum. Serv^{ts}.

THOMAS CUSHING
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
SAM. P. SAVAGE

Boston, Decem^{r}. 10. 1762

To His Excell^{y}. Francis Bernard Esq.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 11, 1762.

Present
Samuel Hews Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benj^{e}. Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
M^{r}. Sam. P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

A Committee of the Overseers of the Poor attended the Select men and represented the Circumstances of sundry French Neutrals

expected in this Town, from Roxbury, being of a number of those People assigned to this Town by the (*a note in original says "carried forward three Pages," the remainder of entry being on page 7.*) General [7.] Court, and proposed the providing Houses for them the Overseers apprehending as they declared that this matter lay more properly with the Selectmen then with the Overseers.

[5.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r. 15, 1762. ——
Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
M^r. Sam. P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mr. Thomas Grenough attended, and desired of the Selectmen that they would grant liberty to M^r. Tileston Master of the North Writing School, to receive into his School as a Scholar a Son of the Rev^d. m^r. Hobbys from Reading, lately come to this Town for the benefit of his Education — whereupon it was Voted, that liberty be granted M^r. Tyleston accordingly.

Whereas there was an Assignment made on the 18th Day of May last of a certain number of Days on which the Free Negros of this Town were to Work on the High Ways, which service has not as yet been fully comply'd with — therefore Voted — that the Town Clerk Issue a Warrant this Day, Ordering and requiring them to work such a number of Days as shall be affixed to their respective Names.

Boston ss.

To Scipio and other Free Negros residing in the Town of Boston.

You are hereby severally Ordered and Required to perform so many Days work as is here under affixed to your Names, and this at the Time and Place you shall be directed to by m^r. John Swetser, appointed an Overseer for this purpose. [6.] It being such a proportion of Time as is adjudged to be equivalent to the service of Trainings, Watchings and other duty required of the rest of his Majestys Subjects, the benefit of which you share. Hereof fail not as you avoid the penalty of the Law in such case made and provided.

By order of the Select men
Boston Decem^r. 15. 1762 WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Lancaster Hill - - - - - - - -	Sixteen Days
Pompey Blackman - - - - - - -	Twenty Ditto
Dick Tyng - - - - - - - - -	Ten Ditto
Boston Jackson - - - - - - -	Six Ditto
Toby Lockman - - - - - - - -	Eighteen Ditto
Cesar Clark - - - - - - - - -	Sixteen Ditto
Thomas Knox - - - - - - - - -	- - - Ditto
Scipio Osborne - - - - - - - -	Two Ditto
Scipio Apthorp - - - - - - - -	Eight Ditto
Peter How - - - - - - - - -	Thirty Ditto
John Thurbur - - - - - - - -	Four Ditto
Fortunatus Pitts - - - - - - -	Twenty four Ditto

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 22^{d}., 1762.
Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

[7.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 13, (*sic*) 1762 —
Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
M^{r}. Sam. P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Capt. Samuel Crocker of Schooner Lucretia from New York at Castle William Reports — That he left New York last Tuesday being discharged from the Ordinance service — that he has nothing but Ballast in his Vessell, and that his people are all well as they have been during the Voyage — The Selectmen apprehending no danger by the Vessells being permitted to come up to Town, gave a Certificate accordingly.

The Selectmen having considered the Proposals of the Overseers of the Poor as entred the 11^{t}. Instant in these Minutes, relative to the Accadians expected from Roxbury, apprehend that the care of those People lays wholly with the Overseers of the Poor; and that in case they are as has been represented poor and destitute & who will need relief, the Overseers are the only Persons that the Law impowers to relieve them.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 27, 1762. ——
Present
[8.] Thomas Cushing Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Six Shillings and eight Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and Four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers, for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, — Viz^{t}.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	0	6	10
Wheaten		9	15
Houshold		13	4
Two Penny White Loaf		13	4
Wheaten	1	3	4
Houshold	1	10	8
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	3	11	9
Houshold	4	15	7
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	7	7	3
Houshold	9	14	14
Four Penny Brick Loaf	1	7	8

Mem°. a 4d. Brick Loaf must weigh 3 oz. less than a 4d. White Loaf.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, December 29, 1762.

Present

[9.] Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Mr. Sam. P. Savage

Mr. Thomas Grenough acquainted the Selectmen that he has taken into an House as a Tenant Mr. John Richardsons Mother, who came from Stoneham.

Mr. Joseph Morton acquainted the Selectmen that he has taken into a House as Tenants William Fraligh, his Wife and one Child who came last from Mendon.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 3d. 1763.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Sam. P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

The Bakers of this Town having been several times heard by the Selectmen on their Complaint that the late Assize computed at Wheat at 6/8 p. Bushell is at a lower rate than the price of merchable Wheat now bears; and upon examination and enquiry into this [10.] Matter it appearing doubtfull to the Selectmen whether the Bakers make use of the Wheat now at Market which is of an inferior sort in the Bread they now bake, upon which supposition it was that the Assize has been set at a lower rate than Flower now sells for; it was therefore Voted, that a new Assize of Bread, at the rate of Seven Shillings p. Bushel for Wheat, and Four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers, for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt

	l.	oz	dr.
Of Penny White Loafe		6	4
Wheaten		9	8
Houshold		12	10
Two Peny White Loaf		12	10
Wheaten	1	2	14
Houshold	1	9	4
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	3	8	5
Houshold	4	8	2
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	7	1	
Houshold	9	7	7
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1	6	4

Mem° 7 Biskets must weigh 1 - 9 - 4 a 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread 3/4 Wheat the other 1/4 Rye Meal must weigh 2 - 5 - 14

[11.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 5. 1763.

Messrs. Thomas Atkins and John Brown were impower'd and desired to Survey the Chimnies in a House in Back Street Complaint haveing been made to the Selectmen that they are in sufficient and dangerous.

M^{r}. John Brown Master of Engine N^{o}. — appear'd and proposed Joseph Foye as a proper Person for their Company in the room of Robert Bonyne who has left it whereupon —

Voted that the above Named Joseph Foye be and hereby is admitted an Engine man in said Company.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany 6, 1763

The Committee Appointed to Survey M^{r}. Whittemores Chimnies Reported as their Opinion. That their ought to be no Fire kept in them as it must be very dangerous to the Neighbourhood — Copy of said Warrant and Return are as follows.

Sirs,

Complaint having been made to us that the Chimnies of a House in Back street occupied by Edward Whittemore are insufficient and dangerous, we do desire and impower you to survey the same and Report to us your Judgment concerning them

THOMAS CUSHING
SAMUEL HEWS
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
Selectmen of Boston

Boston Jan. 5. 1763

To Messrs Thom^{s}. Atkins & John Brown

[12.] Boston January 6 1763

We the Subscribers having viewd the within mentioned Chimnies are of Opinion that there ought no Fires to be kept in them, as its very dangerous to the Neighbourhood.

Witness our hands

THOMAS ATKINS
JOHN BROWN

In consequence of the above Return the following Letters was sent M^{r}. Edward Whittemore

Sir Upon Complaint made by a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of defects in the Chimnies of the House Occupied by you, we issued our Warrants for a Survey, a Copy of the return on Said Warrant you have above Agreable to the directions of the Law in that Case made and provided, we hereby warn you not to make any Fires in said Chimnies, till the defects are cured either by amending repairing or Rebuilding said Chimnies, as you would avoid the Penalty of said Law.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany 19, 1763.

Present
Samuel Hews Esq.
[13.] John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.

Samuel Sewall Esq.
Samuel Phillips Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mr. Thomas Read Master of Engine No. — Apply'd to the Select men in behalf of his Company for the Premium allowed by the Town for playing First with their Engine at the late Fire which broke out at the House of William Story Esq.

Voted, that the Premium be allowed them accordingly.

Mr. Stephen Greenleaf Master of Engine No. 9. Applied to the Selectmen in behalf of his Comy. for the Premium allowed by the Town, for working first with their Engine at the late Fire which broke out in a Shop improved by Deacon Jones.

Voted, that the Premium be allowed them accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany 26, 1763.

Present
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Samuel P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

[14.] Mr. William Sutton of Engine N. 7. kept near Dr. Sewalls Meeting House Appeard and proposed Ebenezer Torrey, Belcher Smith, & Samuel Shed to be admitted as Engine Men in his Company in the room of Adino Paddock, James Cox and William Flagg who have left the Company.

Voted, that the said Torrey Smith & Shed be Admitted as Engine men in his Company accordingly.

Complaint being made that the Chimnies of the Widow Boss's House are insufficient and dangerous — Messrs. Thomas Atkins and Thomas Dows were impower'd and desired to survey the same, and Report their Opinion as soon as may be.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 31, 1763.

Present.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. Sam. P. Savage

Sylvester Gardner Esq. & others, Proprietors of Long Lane having drawn upon the Selectmen for £100 — lawful Money in favor of Messrs. Fosdick & Thornton Pavers being the Sum granted said Proprietors by the Town at a late Meeting to enable them to go on with the Paving said Lane as by their [15.] Vote on Record more fully appears.

Ordered, that they have a Draft for the same accordingly, it having been made appear to the Select men, that the Proprietors have fully comply'd with the Conditions of said Grant.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Seven Shillings p. Bushel for Wheat & Four Pence p.

Bushel is allowed to the Bakers, for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows. Viz^{t}.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	0 -	6 -	4
Wheaten	-	9 -	8
Houshold	-	12 -	10
Two Penny White Loaf		12 -	10
Wheaten	1 -	2 -	14
Houshold	1 -	9 -	4
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	3 -	8 -	5
Household	4 -	8 -	2
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	7 -	1 -	-
Houshold	9 -	7 -	7
Four Penny Brick Loaf	1 -	6 -	4
Mem^{o}. 7 Biskets must weigh	1 -	9 -	4
a 4^{d} Loaf of brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh	2 -	5 -	14

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby 2^{d} 1763.

[16.] Abigail Elson a Soldiers Wife now at the Almshouse on Province Charge, apply'd to the Select men, for a pair of Stockens, 2 Aprons and one Handkerchief, to enable her to go into a Family as a Servant whereby the Province will be eased of the Expence arising from her Maintenance.

Voted, that M^{r}. Procter Keeper of said Hospital be desired to supply her accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, February 9, 1763.

Present
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Capt. John Scimmer acquainted the Selectmen that he had brought from New York as Passengers two Young Women of the Name of Daverel, who came as they say on a visit to Capt. Fraziers Wife to whom they are related.

William Sowersby Hatter attended the Selectmen and proposed Thomas Grenough Instrument Maker & William Truman Cutter, both of this Town, for his Bondsmen, to Secure said Town from all charge that may arise from the Maintenance of a Child laid to the said Sowersby by Sarah Chapman.

[17.] Voted, that they be accepted accordingly, and that the Town Clerk give a Certificate whereof unto the Clerk of the Sessions at whose Office said Bonds will be lodged.

At a Meeting of the Honble. His Majestys Justices of the Peace, the Gentlemen the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor within the Town of Boston on Thursday the 17^{t} Day of February Anno Domini 1763.

Present
The Honble. Samuel Wells Esq.
John Hill Esq.
William Story Esq.
Belcher Noyes Esq.
Justices of the Peace
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
M^r. Sam. P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Selectmen
Royal Tyler Esq.
Joseph Gardner Esq.
John Barrett Esq.
M^r. Benjamin Dolbear
[18.] Isaac Smith Esq.
M^r. Jonathan Mason
John Phillips Esq.
William Phillips Esq.
Meletiah Bourn Esq.
M^r. Henry Bromfield
M^r. William Whitwell
Overseers of the Poor

A General Walk or Visitation of the Town was then Agreed upon to be attended on Monday the 21^t of February Instant at 10 o'Clock in the Morning if suitable Weather, if not then on the Day following, being the 22^d Instant. And it is also agreed to Meet at the Selectmens Chamber in Faneuil Hall 5 o'Clock in the Evening of said Day to Report the State of the Town &^c.

The Order or Sortment is as follows, Viz^t

Ward N°. 1

John Steel Esq.
Royal Tyler Esq.
Capt. William White
Capt. Ralph Hart
Deacon Jon^a Brown
Capt. Benj^a Hammatt
John Wild - - - Constable

Ward N°. 2

Royal Tyler Esq.
[19.] Capt. Nathl Greenwood
M^r. John Grant
M^r. John Grenough
Capt Fortesque Vernon
M^r. Alexander Hill
Thomas Dows Esq.
Elisha Byles — Constable

Ward N°. 3.

Foster Hutchinson Esq.
Joseph Gardner Esq.
M^r^. James Halsey
M^r^. John Tudor
M^r^. Joseph Bradford
M^r^. Nathaniel Loring
Newman Grenough Esq.
James Thomas — Constable

Ward N°. 4.

John Barrett Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
M^r^. David Jeffries
Samuel Grant Esq.
M^r^. Ezekiel Goldthwait
Samuel McClure, Constable

Ward N° 5.

Joshua Winslow Esq.
[20.] M^r^. Benjamin Dolbear
M^r^. Henry Newman
M^r^. Alexander Chamberlain
Capt. William Holms
Deacon Benjamin Church
John Rogers — Constable

Ward N°. 6.

Belcher Noyes Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
M^r^. William Fairfield
M^r^. John Kneeland
M^r^. Samuel Parkman
M^r^. John Smith
Isaac Smith Esq.
Maj^r^. James Noble
Augustus Hale — Constable

Ward N°. 7.

Nathaniel Balston Esq
M^r^. Jonathan Mason
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
M^r^. Joseph Waldo
M^r^. Timothy Newell
M^r^. Timothy Fitch
William Story Esq.
William Dorrington, Constable

Ward N°. 8.

John Phillips Esq.
[21.] Joseph Jackson Esq.
Mr. Sam. P. Savage
Mr. Jonathan Payson
Mr. Joseph Edwards
Capt. Samuel Downe
Nathaniel Thayer — Constable

Ward, N°. 9.

Thomas Cushing Esq.
William Phillips Esq.
William Taylor Esq.
Joseph Shed, — Constable

Ward N°. 10.

Joseph Dowse Esq.
Meletiah Bourn Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
Jeremiah Green Esq.
John Erving Junr. Esq.
Mr. Thomas Gray
Mr. Nathaniel Gardner
Mr. John Mico Wendell
Thomas Flucker Esq.
Francis Salmon — Constable

Ward N°. 11

John Hill Esq.
Mr. Henry Bromfield
[22.] Mr. John Winslow
Mr. Samuel Adams
Jonathan Simpson Esq.
Mr. Ebenezer Storer
William Blair Townsend Esq.
Deacon Thomas Hill
Eliphalet Parker — Constable

Ward N°. 12

Honble. Samuel Wells Esq.
Mr. William Whitwell
Mr. John Demming
Capt. Hopestill Foster
Mr. Henderson Inches
Deacon Thomas Foster
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. Samuel Demming
Stephen Symms, Constable

And the Town Clerk is directed to give forth Copys of the above Order or Sortment accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, February 28, 1763 ——

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
[23.] John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Seven Shillings p. Bushel for Wheat and Four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers, for their Charges Pains and Liveiihood — which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

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Houshold	4 -	8 -	2
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	7 -	1 -	
Houshold	9 -	7 -	7
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1 -	6 -	4
Mem^{o}. 7 Biskets must weigh	1 -	9 -	4
A 4^{d}. Loaf of brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - -	2 -	5 -	14

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 2^{d}. 1763. ——

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq.
[24.] John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
M^{r}. Sam. P. Savage
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Samuel Wentworth Esq. having made it appear to the Select men that he has pursuant to an Agreement with the Town laid upon Boston Neck at different Times Six hundred load of Gravel;

Ordered that the Clerk Certifie the same on said Wentworths Lease which is in his possession

Samuel Wentworth Esq. having desired liberty of the Select men to take the Dirt made round the Market, from M^{r}. Sympsons Shop by the Conduit down to the West End of the Market.

Voted, that he have liberty to take Dirt in the above Bounds for the Year ensuing.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 7, 1763. ——

Present

Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

The Selectmen having been acquainted that the Small Pox had spread in Charlestown South Carolina.

[25.] Voted, that Application be made to his Excellency Govr. Bernard praying an Order to the Commanding Officer of Castle William to stop all Vessells coming from Charlestown, and prevent their coming up to Town untill proper enquiry be made into the Circumstances of such Vessells — Whereupon the following was sent his Excellency the Governor.

May it please your Excellency

Information having been given us that the Small Pox is very prevalent at Charlestown South Carolina, we think it our duty to acquaint your Excellency therewith and to request that you will be pleased to order the commanding officer at Castle William to stop all Vessells coming from thence, untill proper enquiry be made into the circumstances of such Vessells.

We are
Your Excellencys
Most Obed^{t}. Hum. Serv^{ts}.
Thomas Cushing
Samuel Hews
John Scollay
Benj^{E}. Austin
Samuel Sewall
Ezekiel Lewis
Selectmen of Boston

Boston, March 7^{t}. 1763
To his Excellency Francis Bernard Esq.

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In his Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn [26.] All the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and rateable at twenty pounds Estate to a single Rate (besides the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the fourteenth Day of March Current at 9 o'Clock in the Forenoon, then and there to Nominate & *Appoint*, Choose meet Persons to serve the Town the Year ensuing, as Selectmen Town Clerk, Overseers of the Poor, Wardens, Fire-Wards, Constables, and other Officers as the Law directs; To Grant such Sums of Money and in such manner as may be Judged Needful for the Payment of the School Masters, for the relief of the Poor and defreying other necessary Charges; To receive the Reports of the Town Committees on several Affairs; To act upon the List of Jurors; To appoint a Committee to visit the Schools; To Choose Auditors of the Accounts of the Town Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor; To determine what Premium shall be allowed the Collectors of taxes, and on the Time the Assessors may sit to make Abatements thereof; To receive & Examine the Accounts of the Granary; To consider the Petition of a number of Inhabitants that the Clock at the Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Byles Meeting House may be kept in good order at the Charge of the Town; To determine what is proper to be done relative to the Incroachments on the Circular

Line; To consider of the Proposals of the Overseers of the Poor respecting a Drain to carry off the Waste Water &c. from the Alms House and Work House; Of the [27.] Desire of a Number of the Inhabitants that the Town would determine upon some effectual Method to prevent the pernicious Practice of Forestalling the Market; Whether they will make any allowance to Soloman Kneeland for his Land in Water Street, the greater part of which was taken from him in order to widen said Street; Of the proposal of Hugh Floyd, Jonathan Hall and others, to make Brick and Tile on the Land on the Neck Leased to John Hill and Samuel Wentworth Esq. Whether they will take on their risque such Tickets in Faneuil Hall Lottery as may remain unsold on the Days that may be Assigned by the Managers for drawing the same; Whether they will Rebuild the Kitchen of the House that Mr. John Lovel lives in, and enlarge the Cellar under it; To Choose Jurors for April Court; and to Act on all such Matters and Things as stand referr'd over to said Meeting.

Voted, That the Revd. Mr. Samuel Mather be desired to open the Town Meeting on Monday next with Prayer, and that Mr. Scollay and Mr. Austin be a Committee to acquaint him therewith.

Voted, that Mr. Samuel Kneeland have the Printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting.

[28.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 9, 1763.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

The following Letter was wrote the Selectmen of Malden.

Gentlemen,

Jeremy Tibedean being badly wounded is now in this Town, with his Family in a suffering Condition they require speedy relief, and as they belong to your Town we give you this information, that you may provide for them as soon as possible.

By Order of the Select men,
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston March 9. 1765.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 16, 1763 —

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Mr. Robert Pope having apply'd to the Select men that he [29.] May be Appointed to take care of the Clock at the Revd. Mr. Byles's Meeting House; which by a Vote of the Town was to be kept in order at the publick charge.

Voted, that the Care of said Clock be accordingly committed to the said Pope.

Passed upon Mr. Samuel Procter Keeper of the Alms house Province Accounts, Copys, whereof are on File.

David Childs Master of Schooner Tryall which has been stop'd at Castle William as coming from South Carolina where the Small Pox was rife — Reports, that he sayled from South Carolina the 25th of February, that his Lading consists of Rice and Pork with a few sides of Sole Leather — that they had taken nothing on board at Carolina liable to Infection, and have had no sickness in the Vessell since they left that place.

The Selectmen apprehending no danger by the said Vessell being permitted to come up to Town gave a Certificate accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 23d., 1763. —

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
[30.] Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

The following Letter was wrote the Selectmen of Dorchester

Boston, March 23 1765 (*sic*)

Gentlemen

Having heard that you proposed to send to this Town one James Bowes a Negro upon supposition of his being an Inhabitant; We think it proper to acquaint you that the said Negro has been from us above seven Years, and that it is more than probable he has become an Inhabitant of some other Town in the Province, and therefore shall not receive him as an Inhabitant of this; we presume not to point out your conduct, but think it would be most regular for you to send him to the Town he has last resided at.

By order of the Selectmen

William Cooper Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 25, 1763.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

The following Letter was wrote the Selectmen of Dorchester.

[31.] Boston, March 25, 1763.

Gentlemen

We wrote you on Wednesday last respecting James Bowes and upon conversing with Majr. Robinson are conformed in our Sentiments respecting this matter as therein expressed; It seems he has been gone from this Town above twelve Years the Fellow

himself allows he has resided in some other Town above twelve Months and so become an Inhabitant there Viz^{t}. In New Salem in the Province of New Hampshire its highly probable to us he has during the Time above mentioned become an Inhabitant in several other Towns it is certain we can't legally receive him till you fully satisfy us he properly belongs to us, and in case you send him to Town we must be obliged to return him immediately this will create charge to both of us to no purpose whereas your way respecting this Matter is quite clear as the Law points it out. Viz^{t}. To send him to the Town where he properly belongs or had his last residence.

We are
Your Humble Servants
SELECTMEN

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 26, 1763.
Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

[32.] Thomas Valentine Master of the Briggandine Vanson from New York stopt at Castle William on account of the Small Pox being in that City — Reports — That he left that place twenty-seven Days past, and has had no sickness on board since that time, neither has he any thing in his Vessell liable to convey Infection.

The Selectmen apprehending no danger by said Vessells beeing permitted to come up to Town gave a Certificate accordingly.

Capt. William Wimble of the Sloop Stanford from New York, — Reports that he left that place the 10 Instant, and arrived in this Harbour the last Evening; that he was stopt at Castle William on Account of the Small Pox but has no sickness on board nor any thing liable to retain infection — that his Lading consists of Flower Iron and Indian Corn, as also the Baggage belonging to Major Gorhams Corps of Rangers, which Baggage was brought in the ship Oliver, cast away near New York, by which means it lay a considerable Time under Water.

The Select men apprehending no danger by said Vessells being permitted to come up to Town gave a Certificate accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 28, 1763. ——
Present
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
[33.] Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Seven Shillings p. Bushel for Wheat and Four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

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Four Peny Brick Loaf	1 -	6 -	4
Mem°. 7 Biskets must weigh	1 -	9 -	4
A 4ᵈ. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal	2 -	5 -	14

Passed upon Mʳ. Thomas Hartleys Province Account amounting to £. 22-161. Copy of which is on file.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 30, 1763. ——

Present

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
[34.] Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Mʳ. John Grant one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1761. having produced the Province County & Town Treasurers Receipt for Monys paid them, being the Sums collected from the several Inhabitants for that Year.

Voted, that a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer to pay the said John Grant £126-14-7½ being the amount of One Quarter part of the Premium on the whole Sum Collected for the Year 1761.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 31, 1763.

Present

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Mʳ. Edward Payne one of the Owners of Schooner Fair Lady, Reports, that said Schooner arrived at Cape Ann from South Carolina the 29ᵗ Instant after a passage of forty four Days; she put into the Vineyard about ten Days past, the Capᵗ. then sick of the Small Pox, and having before buried one of his hands who died with that Distemper — At the Vineyard she took in a Pilot and one man, both having had the Small Pox, they left the Vessell at Cape Ann having first shifted themselves — her Cargo consists of Rice and Pork, — the Vessell is expected [35.] Every Hour at Rainsford Island, where she is ordered by Authority, with the Captain and two surviving Seamen, besides some hands from Cape Ann.

Voted, that the following Letter be sent Mʳ. Hartley.

Boston, March 31, 1763

Mr. Thomas Hartley

The Schooner Fair Lady Capt. Robinson having the Small Pox on board and being soon expected at Rainsfords Island, we direct that upon her arrival you take every thing on shore that is liable to Infection, and see that the same is well cleaned, as also all the People belonging to her that may be sick or liable to take the Distemper, the former receive into the Hospital the latter into the Well house & Report to us the state of Things as soon as possible

JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
NATHANIEL THWING
Select men

P. S. You must not suffer any of the Persons who shall bring the Vessell from Cape Ann, to leave the Island without our orders

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 6, 1763.

Present

William Sutton Master of Engine No. 7. appeard & preposed Joseph Decoster in the room of John Bonner, who has left their Company, who was according approved of by the Selectmen.

[36.] Mr. Sutton then Represented to the Selectmen, the expediency of having one other Man added to his Company, their Engine being one of the largest in town, having at present Fifteen hands, belonging to her including himself, — whereupon.

Voted, that the Company of Engine No. 7. shall henceforward consist of Sixteen Persons including the Master.

Mr. William Sutton Master of Engine No. 7. having proposed William Snowden as a suitable Person to fill up the vacancy in his Company.

Voted, that the said Snowden be admitted an Engine Man in his Company accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 8, 1763.

Mr. Thomas Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island appeard and Reported, That the Schooner Fair Lady Ordered to the Island some time past had been thoroughly smoked and cleansed, and was now in a condition to leave the Island with safety to the Inhabitants — whereupon,

Voted, that the said Schooner be permitted to leave the Island, and that a Certificate of the above Vessells being in Circumstances to come up to town be given the Governor accordingly — whereupon the following was wrote ——

May it please your Excellency

The Schooner Fair Lady Capt. Robinson from South Carolina lately ordered to Rainsfords Island as having the Small Pox on board has been sufficiently [37.] Smoked and cleansed, and we are of Opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town without

endangering the health of the Inhabitants, if your Excellency thinks fit. We are

Your Excell^{y}

Most Obed^{t} Hum. Servt.

SAMUEL HEWS
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
Selectmen

Boston April 8, 1763

To His Excellency Francis Bernard Esq.

At a Meeting of the Honble His Majestys Justices of the Peace, and the Selectmen of the Town of Boston April 13^{t}. 1763.

Present

The Honble Samuel Wells Esq
Joshua Winslow Esq.
George Craddock Esq.
Byfield Lyde Esq.
Foster Hutchinson Esq.
Nathaniel Balston Esq.
John Hill Esq.
Belcher Noyes Esq.
William Story Esq.
John Avery Esq.
Justices of the Peace
Thomas Cushing Esq.
[38.] Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Selectmen

The Memorial of Benjamin Church setting forth that he had the misfortune of having a House burnt in the late Fire & another occupied by Hanners and Smith valued at One hundred and Sixty Pounds pulled down to the Ground in order to prevent the spreading of the Fire, and praying that satisfaction may be made him agreeable to an Act of this Province made in the fourth Year of William and Mary, and as in Justice shall appertain, was read, and after the Memorialist had been heard by Council, and a number of Witnesses examined, as also some of the Firewards, who were present at said Fire — It was Voted unanimously that no allowance be made the said Memorialist for the loss of his House, it appearing to satisfaction that said House was actually on Fire before any legal Orders were given for pulling down the same.

The Petition of William Price was also read — Praying that he may have reasonable satisfaction for a Building pulled down at a late Fire for reasons more fully set forth in the Petition.

After Debate the Question was put, vizt. Whether any allowance should be made said Price — Passed in the Negative.

[39.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 16, 1763.

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Capt. Josiah Gorham of Sloop Diana arrived from Philadelphia, Reports — That he left that City twelve Days ago with four Seamen, and on his coming down the River he perceived the Small Pox upon one of his Men, which Person he put on shore at New Castle — that no one of his hands have had said Distemper besides, but is very apprehensive that himself or some of them may have taken the Infection — whereupon

Voted, that the Sloop be immediately ordered to Rainsfords Island, and that the following Letter be sent Mr. Hartley

Boston April 16, 1763.

Sir

This will be delivered you by Capt. Josiah Gorham of the Sloop Diana who is arrived from Philadelphia; since he left that place he has had one of his Men taken down with the Small Pox who he left at New Castle; he is fearful that himself and the rest of his Men are in danger of having that Distemper, he and his Men will therefore continue on board his Vessell, and if any of them should complain you must take them on shore and bestow your utmost care on them

Your Friends & Servants
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
NATHANIEL THWING
Selectmen

[40.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 19, 1763.

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis

Capt. Amos Otis Master of Schooner Dolphin from South Carolina was stopt at Castle William, and came before us upon examination he declares that he left Charlestown in South Carolina the second Day of April, and that it is thirteen Days since he came out of the Road, that he arrived in Charlestown the 28 of November last and on the first of March following he was taken with the Small Pox on Shore where he continued till he was entirely recovered, he had it so favorourably that in ten Days he was able to walk abroad; the Cloths he had with him when on Shore were all left there & that he knows of nothing on board which has been exposed to Infection his Cargo consists of Corn Rice and Pork, he has but one Man on board that has not had the Small Pox, and proposes to leave him at Stones or Lovels Island — He further saith that he has Sole Leather on board, but that the same was brought from the Tan yard before the Small Pox was known to be at that Place — whereupon

Voted, that the said Otis be permitted to bring up his Vessell provided he leaves the man who has not had the Small Pox, at Lovels Island; And that the following Letter be sent his Excellency Governor Bernard.

[41.] May it please your Excellency

Capt. Amos Otis Master of Schooner Dolphin from South Carolina came before us, his Vessell having been stopt at Castle William as a precaution to preserve this Town from Infection, we have examined him and apprehend he may be permitted to come up without endangering the Health of the Inhabitants, if your Excellency sees fit. We are

Your Excellencys

Most Obedt Humble Servants

John Scollay
Benjn. Austin
Samuel Sewall
Ezekiel Lewis
Selectmen

Boston April 19. 1763

His Excellency Francis Bernard Esq.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 20, 1763.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing

Mr. William Moore apply'd on the 13t. Instant for liberty to open a Drain or Common Shore near Mr. Jackson's Distilling House, in order to clear or repair the same; and having notified all Persons who are interested therein as the Law directs, and no Objection being as yet made to said Moores proceeding therein.

[42.] Voted, that he have liberty to open the same upon condition that he forthwith make good the Ground & Pavement and keep the same in Repair to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Mr. Gibbins Sharp Master of Engine N. — apply'd to the Select men in behalf of his Company for the Premium allow'd by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first at the late Fire which broke out at Mr. Thorntons House Cops Hill — whereupon —

Voted, that he have a Draft for his Premium accordingly.

Mr. Dommett apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to put down two Posts in Foxs Street near Woods Lane, whereupon — Messrs. Austin and Sewall were appointed to view the Ground, and Report whether it may be done without inconvenience to the Town.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 22d, 1763.

Present

Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Mr. Thomas Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island appear'd and Reported, That the Sloop Diana Josiah Gorham Master from Philadelphia, which has lain at said Island sometime past, had been thoroughly smoked and cleansed, and was now in a condition to leave the Island with safety to the [43.] Inhabitants — whereop. Voted, that the said Schooner be permitted to leave the Island, and that a Certificate of her being in Circumstances to come up to Town be given the Governor accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 25, 1763.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Voted, that the Town Clerk serve Mr. Payne the Miller with one of the printed Acts of the Province entitled an Act declaring and regulating the Standard of Wheat for preventing abuses by Millers and that he inform him that the Selectmen design to inspect the Mills at the Time appointed to see if he has confirmed to said Act.

An attested Copy of the above Vote as also the Act referred to was sent Mr. Payne by Mr. Williston.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 27, 1763.

The following was sent the Selectmen of Medway Vizt.

Gentlemen.

Margaret Benneway one of the French Neutrals is now in this Town in a suffering condition; as she was assigned to your Town by the General Court we give you this notice that you may provide for her as soon as possible, some [44.] Expence has already arisen, which must be defreyed by your Town

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Seven Shillings p. Bushel for Wheat and four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihod, which is computed as follows. Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf		6 -	4
Wheaten		9 -	8
Houshold		12 -	10
Two Peny White Loaf		12 -	10
Wheaten	1 -	2 -	14
Houshold	1 -	9 -	4
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	3 -	8 -	5
Houshold	4 -	8 -	2
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	7 -	1	
Houshold	9 -	7 -	7
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1 -	6 -	4
Memo. 7 Biskets must weigh	1 -	9 -	4

A 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼
Rye Meal 2 - 5 - 14

David Wheeler Master of Engine N°. 8 attended, and proposed Thomas Wheeler and Ebenezer Hinckley as Engine Men in the room of Adam Colson and Joseph Elliot who declined serving,

Voted, that the said Wheeler & Hinckley be admitted Engine Men in said Wheelers Company.

[45.] Capt. David Wheeler of Engine N°. 8 apply'd to the Selectmen in behalf of his Company for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first upon the Fire which lately broke out at Mr. Thomas Brinleys Dwelling House S°. End.

Voted, that said Premium be allowed him accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 29, 1763.

Present
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.

Capt. Thomas Davis of Sloop Caty from South Carolina attended at the Selectmens Chamber, and being questioned Reports — That he has been twenty two Days from that place, all his People well — was but seven Days in Charlestown Harbour, when but two of his hands went on Shore, they having had the Small Pox & that the Cargo consists wholly of Rice.

Voted, that the Capt. have liberty to come up with his Sloop to Town; and that a Certificate be given the Governor accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 4, 1763. ——

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
[46.] Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Mr. Robert Williams attended and desired liberty to take a quantity of Stones out of the Waste Cellars occasioned by the Fire, he engaging to fill up the same at his own charge

Voted, that Messrs. Scollay and Austin be a Committee to act upon this Affair.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston (within their Precincts) that have an Estate of Forty Shillings p. Annum in Free hold in Land within this Province or Territory at the least, or other Estate to the value of Forty Pounds Sterling, to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Tuesday the tenth of May Current at Nine O'Clock in the Forenoon, then and there to Elect and Depute one or more Persons, (being Free holders and Resident in the Town)

according to the Number set and limitted by an Act of the General Assembly, to Serve for and Represent them in the Great and General Court or Assembly appointed to be Convend held and kept for his Majestys Service in the Court House in Boston upon Wednesday the 25t. of said May, and so de Die in Diem, during their Session & Sessions according to a Precept under the Hand and Seal of Stephen Greenleaff Esq. Sheriff of the County of Suffolk bearing Date the twentyth Day of April in the Third Year of his Majestys [47.] Reign Annoq Domini 1763.

And alike requiring them to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as the Law directs to Meet at the same Time and Place to Consider of the Petition of the Proprietors of the Long Wharff for leave to Extend the Pier of said Wharff twenty feet on the North side; To know the mind of the Inhabitants about opening Faneuil Hall Market; To receive the Reports of the Towns Committees on several affairs; To choose such Officers as may be wanting and to act upon all those Matters and Things that stand referr'd over to said Meeting.

NB. The Poll for the choice of Representatives will be closed at Twelve o'Clock and a strict Scrutiny made as to the Qualification of the Voters.

Voted, that the Revd. Mr. Byles be desired to open the Town Meeting the 10 instant with Prayer, and that Mess.——— be a Committee to acquaint him therewith.

Voted, that Richard Draper having the Printing of the Notyfications, for May Meeting.

Complaint having been made that the Chimnies of a House in Back Street owned by Mr. Samuel Ballard and let to one Shirley a Frenchman, are insufficient & dangerous.

Messrs. Thomas Atkins and John Brown were impower'd and desired to survey the same and make Report as soon as may be.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 9, 1763.

Present.

[48.] John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Isaac Smith Esq. Owner, and one of the Seamen belonging to Schooner Lark attended and informed the Selectmen that said Schooner John McKeen Master from the Havannah in thirty Days passage, is stopt at Castle William as a precaution against Infections Distempers — that all the People on board are well and have had no Sickness on board since they left the Havannah, nor have they any Goods on board likely to convey Infection.

Voted, that said Schooner be permitted to come up to Town and a Certificate given the Governor accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 4, 1763. —

Voted, That whenever any of the Constables of the Watch or the Watchmen are absent from Duty, the Town Clerk shall and he is hereby directed to notice the same when he makes the Monthly Draft, and that the several Constables of the Watch &

their Men be made up in the Draft for such Time only as they respectively attend.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 11, 1763.

Present

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

The Committee appointed to Survey the Chimnies Mr. Shirleys [49.] House Reported Copy of the Warrant appointing them and the Return is as follows.

Sir,

Complaint having been made to us that the Chimnies of the House in Back Street owned by Mr. Samuel Ballard and let to one Shirley a French Man are insufficient and dangerous — We do desire and impower you to survey the same, and Report to us your Judgment concerning them.

Thomas Cushing
John Scollay
Benjamin Austin
Samuel Sewall
Ezekiel Lewis
Nathaniel Thwing
Selectmen of Boston.

Boston May 4t. 1763

To Messrs. Thomas Atkins & John Brown.

Boston May 5. 1763

Mr. Brown not being in Town I have surveyed the within mentioned Chimnies, and think it absolutely necessary that no Fire should be made in said Chimnies untill it is raised as it is very dangerous to the Town, the Roof being higher than the Chimnies and Joining to it.

Thomas Atkins.

Since the above I have seen the aforementioned Chimnies, it is not safe and must be immediately topt

John Brown

In consequence of the above Return the following Letter was sent Mr. Shirley.

Boston, May 11th. 1763

Sir, Upon Complaint made by a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of defects in the Chimnies of the House occupied by you, we issued our Warrant for a Survey; a Copy of the Return [50.] On said Warrant you have herewith. Agreable to the direction of the Law in that case made and provided, we hereby warn you not to make any Fires in said Chimnies, till the defects are cured either by amending repairing or rebuilding said Chimnies as you would avoid the penalty of said Law.

John Scollay
Benjamin Austin
Samuel Sewall
Ezekiel Lewis
Selectmen of Boston.

Voted, that Messrs. Scollay and Austin be a Committee to see that the Market under Faneuil Hall be repair'd in the manner it was formerly finished, saving that the Doors be hung outside the Walls.

Voted, that Messrs. Scollay and Austin be a Committee to direct in the levelling the Ground near the Dock, and that they procure for the Labourers, Shovels, Hoes Pick Axes, Barrows, &c.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 14, 1763.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

The Petition of James Hall of Boston Distiller, praying the approbation of the Select men for a License to retail Spiritous Liquors — was read — whereupon, Voted that he be approbated accordingly.

[**51.**] At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 18, 1763.

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

M^{r}. John Mico Wendell attended, and desired leave of the Selectmen to turn his Cow into the Church Burying Ground.

James Bows, Negro, now in the Alms house, pray'd leave to depart that House; having very bad Feet he is desirous of putting himself under the care of a certain Country Doctor for a Cure, whereupon M^{r}. Williston was directed to acquaint M^{r}. Procter that said Negro might depart when and where he pleased.

M^{r}. Benjamin Fitch acquaints the Selectmen that he has taken into one of his Houses as Tenents, one James Eber and Family, French Neutrals, and last from the Town of Dartmouth.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 20, 1763.

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

M^{rs}. Dommett whose Husband died lately in the W^{t}. Indies desired the approbation of the Selectmen for a License to [**52.**] retail Spiritous Liquer; the decease of her Husband having made such an application necessary within the Year.

Voted, that She be accordingly approbated, but upon this Condition that she only sells Wine & West India Spirits in the manner she had done in the life time of her deceased Husband.

Voted, That the following Advertisement be publish'd in all the Monday & Thursdays Prints.

The Town of Boston having at their last Meeting Voted to Erect a small Brick Building in addition to the House Mr. John Lovel now Occupys — Any Carpenters and Masons Inhabitants of the Town inclining to undertake the same may by applying to the Town Clerk know the Dimensions and the manner in which it is to be finished, and are desired to send their Proposals Sealed to the Selectmen of said Town by the first Wednesday of June next, when they will be considered and the preferrence given to those that may appear most for the advantage of the Town.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 21, 1763 ——

Present

John Scollay Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Capt. Daniel Maccarthy Master of the Ship Sally from [53.] Kingsate in Ireland, upon Examination declares, he left said place the 23d. March and this Day arrived at Nantasket Road, that Benjamin Floyd Mate of said Ship was taken with the Small Pox about the first of April last and died the tenth of said Month, as soon as he expired the Corpse was flung over board and all his Bedding, the Cabbin where he lay was well cleansed by washing it with hot Water and afterwards with Vinegar; his Cabbin was in the round House upon the Quarter Deck — that there was two Seamen and two young Children Passengers on board, who had never had the Small Pox, the two Children were kept below at a distance from any Infection, and the two Seamen avoided everything that was apprehended would endanger their taking the Infection — the said Maccarthy further declares that he apprehends there is not the least danger of Infection from said Vessell or People, and doth promise and engage that if the said two Seamen or the Children mentioned above should complain or sicken he will immediately acquaint the Selectmen; that they may be so seasonable taken care of as to prevent their communicating the Infection to any of the Inhabitants.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 22d. 1763.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
[54.] Benjamin Austin Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Capt. Benjamin Thompson of Briggandine Havannah informs — That he left the Havannah the third of May, that they are all well on board, and have had no Sickness among them since they left said place neither have they any thing on board liable to retain Infection — being stopt at Castle William he desires liberty to come up to Town with his Vessell as soon as possible — whereupon

Voted, — that he be permitted to come up to Town with his Brigandine, and that a Certificate be given the Governor accordingly.

Last Saturday the Selectmen gave a Certificate as the Law directs relative to a Drain in Sherdens Lane repair'd by Mr. Moore.

The Town Clerk is directed to give in to the Court of Sessions, the Names of Messrs. Eliphalet Parker, Cornelius Thayer & John Edwards, all of whom the Selectmen recommend as proper Persons, to be appointed Measurers of Wheat for this Port, which duty was accordingly performed by said Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 30, 1763.

Present

John Scollay Esq.
[55.] Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Seven Shillings p. Bushel for Wheat and Four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt.

Of Peny White Loaf		6 -	4
Wheaten		9 -	8
Houshold		12 -	10
Two Peny White Loaf		12 -	10
Wheaten	1 -	2 -	14
Houshold	1 -	9 -	4
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	3 -	8 -	5
Houshold	4 -	8 -	2
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	7 -	1 -	
Household	9 -	7 -	7
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1 -	6 -	4
Mem. 7 Biskets must weigh	1 -	9 -	4
a 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼			
Rye Meal	2 -	5 -	14

Messrs. Cushing Austin and Lewis appointed a Committee to see that Mr. Daltons Shops are removed; and to open the Street from Water Street at the End of Leaverets Lane, into Milk Street.

[56.] Messrs. Scollay and Thwing appointed a Commitee to open the Street from Water Street at the End of Mackeral Lane into Milk Street.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 1, 1763.

Present

Samuel Hews Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mr. Thomas Hartley attended, and Reports, That James Davis is now well recovered from the Small Pox — that all his Cloaths have been Air'd and Smoked, and that in his Opinion he may now leave the Island without any danger of carrying the Infection from thence.

Voted that said Davis may have liberty to leave Rainsfords Island as soon as he pleases; and that the Town Clerk write the Selectmen of Gloucester desiring them to order immediate payment to Mr. Hartly for his Bill of Charges amounting to Nine Pound eight Shillings.

Voted, that the Town Clerk write the Selectmen of Newbury desiring they to make payment to Mr. Thomas Hartley for his Bill of Charge in Nursing Samuel Brockins who was sent to the Hospital sick of the Small Pox, which Bill amounts to Five Pound Nine Shillings and four Pence.

Boston June 1, 1763

Gentlemen

[57.] You have inclosed Mr. Hartleys Account of the Charge that has arisen for boarding and nursing one James Davis of your place, sent by you to your Hospital where he has had the Small Pox; we desire you will order immediate payment said Davis being poor and unable to discharge the Debt himself

By Order of the Select men
William Cooper Town Clerk

To the Selectmen of Gloucester.

Boston June 1. 1763

Gentlemen

You have inclosed Mr. Hartleys Account of the Charge that has arisen for Boarding and Nursing one Samuel Brockins of your place left at our Hospital sick of the Small Pox — As said Brockins was not in Circumstances to defrey his Charges we desire you would do it immediately. Mr. Hartley having been long out of his Mony

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

To The Selectmen of Newbury

At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 10, 1763.

Present
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

John Erving Esq. apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to [58.] Open a Drain from his House in Summer Street into the Common Shore.

Voted, that liberty be granted provided the Pavement is restored and the Street repaved to the Satisfaction of the Select men.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 15. 1763.

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mr. John Peck apply'd to the Selectmen for their Opinion whether a sollid Foundation can be had for a Warehouse he purposes to erect on his Wharff against his Dwelling House without great and extraordinary expence. Where upon Messrs. Sewall and Lewis were appointed a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. James Barnard Master of Engine No. 3. appear'd and desired another Person might be appointed in his room, as he declin'd serving any longer in that Office; whereupon,

Voted, that Mr. Jonathan Jenkins be and hereby is appointed to that service in his room, and that the Town Clerk give him his Orders as Master of Engine No. 3.

Mr. Jonathan Jenkins Master of Engine No. 3 attended [59.] And proposed Henry Libitter as a proper Person to fill up the vacancy in his Company occasioned by the late Masters resignation, who was accordingly approved of by the Select men.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 22d. 1763.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Whereas the Pavement in several Streets at the North End of the Town are much broken and out of Repair.

Voted that Mr. Scollay and Austin be a Committee to engage Mr. Thornton and Fosdick to repair the same immediately, as also to order the End of Treemont Street to be paved, if they shall it necessary.

Voted, that the Selectmen Visit the Publick Schools in this Town on Wednesday the twenty-ninth Day of June Instant, and that the following Gentlemen be desired to accompany them therein — Vizt

His Excellency the Governor
His Honor the Lieut. Governor
The Honble. John Osborne Esq
The Honble. Andrew Oliver Esq.
The Honble Thomas Hubbard Esq.
[60.] The Honble Harrison Gray Esq.
The Honble. Thomas Flucker Esq.
The Gentlemen the Representatives of the Town
The Gentlemen the Overseers of the Poor
The Revd. Joseph Sewall D.D.
The Revd. Charles Chauncey D.D.
The Revd. Jonathan Mayhew D.D.
The Revd. Samuel Checkley
The Revd. Ebenezer Pemberton
The Revd. Samuel Mather
The Revd. Mather Byles
The Revd. Andrew Elliot
The Revd. Samuel Cooper
The Revd. Samuel Checkley Junr.

The Rev^{d}. Alexander Cummings
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Henry Lyde Esq.
Byfield Lyde Esq.
Arnold Wills Esq.
Nicholas Boylston Esq.
M^{r}. James Perkins
M^{r}. Nathaniel Coffin
M^{r}. John Melvill
Jeremiah Green Esq.
[61.] M^{r}. Thomas Grey
Nathaniel Bethune Esq.
John Winthrop Esq.
M^{r}. Samuel Philips Savage
M^{r}. Joseph Waldo
M^{r}. Mansfield of Marblehead
M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries
M^{r}. Samuel Downe
M^{r}. Benjamin Parker
Leonard Jervis Esq.
Capt. Jonathan Clark
Benjamin Hallowell Esq.
Capt. Ichabod Jones
M^{r}. Edward Foster
M^{r}. Samuel Grant

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 25^{t}, 1763.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Capt. Ebenezer Brockway in the Sloop Polly Reports, That he left Charlestown in South Carolina the 13^{t} Instant, and are all well on board not having had any sickness on board since their departure from thence — that they have not any thing on board [62.] Liable to retain Infection; and therefore desired leave to come up to Town, — whereupon,

Voted, that Capt. Brockway have liberty to come to Boston with his Vessell, and that a Certificate be given the Governor accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 27, 1763.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

M^{r}. James Thomas applied to the Selectmen in behalf of Ann Johnson for liberty to break up the Ground at the Head of Prince Street in order to cleanse a private Drain belonging to said Thomas, whereupon ——

Voted, that liberty be accordingly granted, provided she makes good the Ground and restores the Pavement as soon as the Drain is cleansed to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

This Day agreed with Mr. Weld of Roxbury to supply the Town with what Gravel may be wanted for paving &c at two Shillings lawful money p. load.

[63.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 1, 1763.

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Six Shilling and two Pence p. Bushel, and four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains, and Livelihood

		l.	oz	dr.
Of Peny	White Loaf	0	7	2
	Wheaten		10	11
	Houshold		14	4
Two Peny	White Loaf		14	4
	Wheaten	1	5	6
	Houshold	1	12	8
Six Peny	Wheaten Loaf	4	0	3
	Houshold	5	5	9
Twelve Peny	Wheaten Loaf	8	0	5
	Houshold	10	11	2
Four Peny	Brick Loaf	1	9	8
N.B. 7 Biskets must weigh		1	12	8
a 4d Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh		2	10	12

At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 6, 1763.

[64.] Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

The Selectmen being at Rainsfords Island to view the Hospital; Capt. David Brace of Briggandine Polly, just arrived from Bristol attended; and Reports That he left Bristol about the 20th. of May; that the Fryday coming will make one Month since one of his Hands was taken down with the Small Pox, when he was for a few Days confined to his Cabin — that there is no one on board his Vessell but what has formerly had the Distemper, and nothing between Decks, liable to receive & Convey Infection — whereupon

Voted, That Capt. Brace have liberty to come up to Town with his Vessell, provided he first lands at Rainsford Island the Person who has been sick together with his Bed, Bedding, Cloths, and every other thing liable to receive Infection — and that the following Directions be given Mr. Hartley in writing — Vizt.

Mr. Thomas Hartley

You are to receive on your Island one Samuel Harvard who who came in Capt. Brace from Bristol [65.] And had the Small Pox on Board his Vessell about a Month past, as also his Bed, Bedding, Cloths and such other Articles, as were likely to receive Infection — You must see that the Vessel &c. is well smoked and cleansed ; and Report to us your proceedure

By Order of the Selectmen

William Cooper Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 7, 1763 ——

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mr. Thomas Hartley, Reported, that he had received from Capt. Brace the Man who had the Small Pox on Board his Vessell together with his Bed Bedding Cloths and such other Articles as were likely to retain any Infection — that the Vessell has been cleansed and smoked and in his Opinion may now leave the Island with safety to the Inhabitants of the Province — whereupon ——

Voted, that Capt. Brace be allowed to leave Rainsfords Island with his Vessell next Satturday Morning, and that Orders be given Mr. Hartley to that purpose, and that the following Certificate be sent his Excellency the Governor.

[66.] May it please your Excellency

David Brace Master of Briggandine Polly from Bristol stopt at Rainsfords Island as a precaution against the spreading of Infectious Distempers, having been examined by us; we are of Opinions said Vessell may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the Health of the Inhabitants, if your Excellency think proper — we are

Your Excellencys
Most Obedt. Hum. Servants
Thomas Cushing
John Scollay
Benjamin Austin
Samuel Sewall
Ezekiel Lewis
Selectmen of Boston

Boston July 7t. 1763

His Excellency Francis Bernard Esq.

Boston, July 8. 1763.

Mr. Thomas Hartley

You are to permit the Briggandine Polly Capt. Brace to leave Rainsford Island next Satturday Morning, said Vessell having been as you Reported to us sufficiently cleansed and smoked, provided you are first satisfied for the Charge you have been at

By Order of the Selectmen

William Cooper Town Clerk

[67.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 13t, 1763.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mr. Holyoke informs that Mr. Vassall having paved that part of the Street which is Opposite to his School, the Water is by that means turned upon his House, he therefore prays the Selectmen to view said Street, and give such Orders as they may Judge expedient — where upon Mr. Scollay & Mr. Austin were appointed a Committee for the above purpose as also to view Cambridge Street.

Revd. Mr. Samuel Mather this Day apply'd to the Selectmen for leave to open the Common Shore near his Tenements situated near Clarks Ship Yard — upon which liberty was accordingly given him he following the steps of the Law therein.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 15, 1763. —

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

[68.] Capt. Prince Gorham of Sloop Three Friends, from South Carolina, appear'd; and upon examination declares That he left that place eleven Days past, and that his People are all well, neither has he any thing on board liable to retain Infection, his Cargo consisting wholly of Rice — That the Small Pox has much abated at Carolina and as he was told there was but a few People down with it when he left Charlestown, there being in about ten Families; no one of his Hands, are now complaining of any indisposition, but if this should be the case he will immediately acquaint the Selectmen therewith, that they may be sent down to the Hospital at Rainsford Island — whereupon,

Voted, that Capt. Gorham of the above named Vessell stopt at Castle Willaim on Account of the Small Pox, be permitted to come up with her to this Town, and that a Certificate be given the Governor accordingly.

Mr. John Harkins informed the Selectmen that he had taken into his House as a Journey Man one David Batchelder who came last from Uptown

Mr. Benjamin Fitch acquainted the Selectmen, that he had taken into a House of his at West Boston on James Abear a French Neutral, as a Tenant.

[69.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 21, 1763.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

It being represented by Mr. Thayer who has contracted to build

a new Kitchen to Mr. Lovels House, that the back part of said House, is covered only with Clap Boards, which are rotten, and so is exposed to the Weather.

Voted, that Mr. Thayer be directed to Board, and new Clap Board, such part of the Northerly side of said House as will not be covered & secured by the New Kitchen.

Mr. John Mico Wendell informed the Selectmen that he had taken into his Family as a Maid Servant one Lucy Webber a Young Women, who came from Old York Eastward.

Mrs. Kennedy apply'd to the Selectmen last May for liberty to open a Drain from a House of hers in Writing School Street, and liberty was accordingly granted, she taking the steps of the Law &c.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 25, 1763.

Present

[70.] Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Six Shillings & two Pence p. Bushel & four Pence p. Bushel is allowed the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood —

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf	0 -	7 -	2
Wheaten		10 -	11
Houshold		14 -	4
Two Peny White Loaf		14 -	4
Wheaten	1 -	5 -	6
Houshould	1 -	12 -	8
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	-	3
Houshold	5 -	5 -	9
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	-	5
Houshold	10 -	11 -	2
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1 -	9 -	8
NB. 7 Biskets must weigh	1 -	12 -	8
a 4d Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2 -	10 -	12

[71.] Voted, that Isaac Townsend be and hereby is admitted Constable of the North Watch in the room of John Dorrington who has lately left said Watch, his Wages as Constable to commence from the first of August next; and the Town Clerk, is directed to furnish him with the necessary Orders for his governments & proceedure in that trust.

Mr. Townsend Constable of the North Watch acquainted the Selectmen that there was a vacancy in his Watch; and proposed William Austin as a suitable Person to fill it up.

Voted, that William Austin be & hereby is admitted as a Watchman in the North Watch.

Passed upon Thomas Willistons Province Account amounting to £ ——, Copy of which is on file.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 27, 1763.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

[72]. David Wheeler Master of Engine N°. 8 apply'd in behalf of his Company for the Premium allowed by the Town for their playing first with their Engine at the Fire which lately broke out at Robert Popes Dwelling House South End. Voted, that the Premium of 13/4 be allowed him accordingly.

Passed upon D^r. Nyot Doubts Province Account amounting to £. 158-4-4- as p. Account of particulars on file.

Voted, that Benjamin Burdick be and hereby is admitted Constable of the Town House Watch in the room of Francis Salmon who his resign'd on Account of indisposition of Body, his Wages as Constable to commence the first of August next. And the Town Clerk is directed to furnish him with the necessary Orders.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 30, 1763.

Present

John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Joseph Doggett Master of the Brigg^ne Argo, attended at the Selectmens Chamber, and Reports- That he left Charlestown in South Carolina the 10^t Instant, and was this Day as coming up stopt at Castle William — that he has nothing on board liable [73.] To retain Infection, his Cargo consisting wholly of Rice Himself and one of his Hands have not had the Small Pox, but they are at present hearty and well, and in case they should be taken with any Symptoms of the Distempers, will immediately acquaint the Selectmen therewith- whereupon,

Voted, that Capt. Dogget be permitted to come up to Town with his Vessell, and that a Certificate be given the Governor accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 1, 1763.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

William Colman attended, and desired liberty to dig up the

Pavement and open the Ground near his House in Milk Street to repair his Drain — Liberty is accordingly hereby granted, upon Condition that he forth with make good the Ground and Pavement again to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

The Honourable John Osborne Esq. Chairman of a [74.] Committee of Council having apply'd to the Selectmen for the use of Faneuil Hall to Dine a number of Gentlemen on Wednesday next, being the Day Peace is to be Proclaimed ——

Liberty is accordingly granted.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 8, 1763.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

The Selectmen passed July the — upon the List of Persons licensed the last Year to sell Strong Drink as Retailers & Inholders within this Town, which was Approved excepting such as are dead, removed, or married as therein noted.

And also passed upon the Petitions for Licenses for the Year ensuing, and the following Persons only were approved and Recommended — Viz^{t}.

Benjamin Hammatt, at a House Adjoining to his Distilling House near the North Burying Ground — as a Retailer

[75.] Isaac Pierce, at a House Adjoining M^{r}. Holmes's Distilling House — As a Retailer

Nathaniel Edy, at his House by Gardner's Lane near the Old North Church.

Robert Whatley, at his House adjoining Deacon Tudors House — As an Inholder — but upon Condition that he continues Manufacturing Strong Beer in the manner he has done for some Years past.

John Mayes, at his House at the South End lately M^{rs}. Blake's — As an Inholder.

Mr William Reed informed the Selectmen, August 5, that he had let a House in Pleasant Street belonging to the Heirs of Benjamin Peck lately deceased, unto Charles Harrison Esq. a Gentleman of a good Estate, who came from New York the 20th of July last with his Wife Neice & Servants, and is a Gentleman of good Character & Estate.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Aug. 18, 1763.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

[76.] Benjamin Austin Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

The following Letters were wrote & forwarded, Viz.

Gentlemen

You have herewith Thomas Hartleys Account for nursing attendance and boarding James Davis who was sent from your Town to Rainsfords Island, sick with the Small Pox — you will immediately send the amount thereof to us, or to the said Hartley which will prevent farther difficulty to you and to us — Read the Act for regulating the Hospital at Rainsfords Island — We have wrote you before on this occasion of which you have taken no notice

Your Humble Servants

THOMAS CUSHING
SAMUEL HEWS
JOHN SCOLLAY
EZEKIEL LEWIS
SAMUEL SEWALL
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
Selectmen of Boston

To the Selectmen of Gloucester.

1763, May

Mr. James Davis to Thomas Hartley — Dr.

To 4 Weeks, Board, & attendance in the Small Pox @ 32/	£- 6 - 8
5 Weeks Board @ 12/ - - - - - - - - -	3 -
	£ - 9 - 8

[77.] Boston, Aug. 18, 1763

Gentlemen

We wrote you June 1st. and desired payment of the charge of boarding and nursing one Samuel Brockings of your place while sick of the Small Pox, at the Pest House; the amount as by an Account then inclosed being £. 5 - 9 - 4 lawful money, of which Letter you have taken no notice. You'l please read the Act for regulating the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, when we doubt not you will order Mr. Hartley immediate payment — If you should act otherwise you cannot be insensible what will then be our duty.

Your Humble Servants

THOMAS CUSHING
SAMUEL HEWS
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
EZEKIEL LEWIS
Selectmen of Boston

To the Selectmen of the Town of Newbury.

Mr. Thomas Gray having made application to the Selectmen for their Opinion whether a solid Foundation can be had for a Building he proposes to Erect on his Land without great Expence, and said Land having been viewed by the Selectmen.

Voted, that it is their Opinion that no Solid Foundation can be obtain'd without very great Expence.

[78.] Mr. John Peck having made application to the Selectmen for their opinion whether a solid Foundation can be had for a Building he proposes to Erect on his Wharff against his Dwelling House, without great & Extraordinary Expence, and said Land been view'd by the Selectmen.

Voted, that it is their Opinion that no solid Foundation can be obtain'd without very great Expence.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Aug. 29, 1763

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate, beside the Poll, to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Tuesday the Sixth Day of September next at 9. o'Clock in the Forenoon, then and there to consider of the Petitions of [79.] a number of the Inhabitants, praying that the Town, would take some Measures that a certain slip of Land lying on the North side of Water Street, may be annexed to said Streets, Of the request of other of the Inhabitants that some method may be taken to remove the Nusance in the passage Way from the Main Street leading to the Common called Hog Alley; To determine whether any method shall be taken to preserve Deer Island Head from the farther incroachments of the Sea; Whether they will take any more effectual Measures for the preventing Chimnies so frequently taking Fire; Whether any farther steps can now be taken for the more speedy & effectual supply of the Overseers of the Poor with Money for the purchasing Necessaries for the Alms-house; Whether they will improve the indulgence of the General Court which by a late Law permits the Town to Elect and appoint four Meet Persons as Fire-Wards in addition to the present number of twelve, who shall serve in that Office, untill the Annaversary meeting in March next — Also that the Sense of the Town may be taken relative to a Bill now pending in the General Court "Intitled an Act for making more effectual an Act for directing new Rates and Taxes to be granted by the General Court, as also Town, County & Precinct Rates shall be Assessed and Collected." To receive the Reports of several Committees and to act upon all such other matters and Things as may properly come before [80.] Said Meeting.

Voted, that Messrs. Thomas and John Fleet, have the printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread, at

the Rate of Six Shillings and two Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and Four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood ——

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf	0 -	7 -	2
Wheaten		10 -	11
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Two Peny White Loaf		14 -	4
Wheaten	1 -	5 -	6
Houshold	1 -	12 -	8
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	" -	3
Houshold	5 -	5 -	9
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	" -	5
Houshold	10 -	11 -	2
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1 -	9 -	8
NB. 7 Biskets must weigh	1 -	12 -	8
a 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2 -	10 -	12

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 31, 1763.

[81.] Present

Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

John Ruddock Esq. one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1761 having produced Receipts from the several Treasurers in full for the Tax committed to him to Collect for that Year.

Voted, that a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer to pay him £. 126 - 14 - 7½ being his ¼ part of the Premium allowed the Four Collectors for Collecting the whole Tax in said Year.

Mr. Samuel Treat was sent for, and acquainted by the Select men, that the Towns Committee relative to the Circular Line, had given them information, that he was about Erecting a Building at the end of his Wharff which would incroach on said Line — they therefore warned him against, and forbid his carrying out said Building so far as should incroach in any manner on that Line.

The Account of the Expences on opening and repairing a Drain of the Revd. Mr. Mathers, was laid before the Select men and examined — Mr. Mather having satisfied them that he had notified all Persons who are interested therein as the Law [82.] Directs; and they not having as yet made any objection to his procedure therein — Assessment was made on the Concerned and an order for Payment committed to Mr. John Sweetser appointed to Collect the same.

Passed upon Mr. Samuel Procter Keeper of the Alms House's Province Accounts amounting to the Sums of £. 288 - 19 - 8½ and £. 23 - 5 - 10 - as p. Copy of his Accounts of particulars on file.

Passed upon Mr. Samuel Hews's Province Account which amounted to the Sum of £. 15 - and is for the passage of Henry Stanney & John Tyrrel and Wife, in a Vessell of his Commanded by Capt. Trotter and bound for London.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^{r}. 7, 1763 —
Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

M^{r}. Thomas Milliken applyed to the Selectmen for liberty to open a Drain or Common Shore opposite the Red Lyon in Fish Street, in order to clear or repair the same; and was directed by them to Notify all Persons concerned [83.] And interested therein, as the Law directs; that they might have an Opportunity to enter their Objections, if any they had to his proceeding therein.

M^{r}. Elihu Hewes appears and acquaints the Select Men that he has taken into his Family as a Nurse, one Hannah Blake, who as she declares, lived last at Salem.

M^{r}. Isaac Tuckerman apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to remove a Building from the West part of the Town to a Spot of Ground near M^{r}. Hallowells Ship-Yard — And the Selectmen having considered his proposal.

Voted, that the same be not granted.

The Selectmen this Day Certified the Honble. His Majesties Council, that they had agreed with Capt. Thomas for the Passage of Capt. Manger to the Island of Jersey for fifteen Guineas; said Manger is a distracted Person, and has been a long while at the Almshouse at the Province Expence.

Voted, that Messrs. Edes and Gill have the printing of the Notifications of the Adjourment of the Town Meeting as also the Bill which is now pending in the General Court relative to the Collectors of Taxes — the Town having voted that the same be printed and dispersed among the Inhabitants.

[84.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^{r}. 9, 1763
Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

The Selectmen have this Day Agreed with M^{r}. Wales, to Rebuild as soon as possible the Engine House near M^{r}. Allens at the South part of the Town; he to find all the necessary Materials, — and when the same is finished to the satisfaction of the Selectmen, they are to pay him therefor the Sum of Four Pounds lawful Mony.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^{r}. 15, 1763.
Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hewes Esq.

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Deacon Daniel Jones attended, and requested of the Select men, that they would appoint three suitable Persons to Adjust & Settle & lay out, the Line between his Land [85.] & Mr. John Sweetsers, who is about Erecting a Fence which he apprehends will come within his Bounds.

Mrs. Kenneday having laid before the Selectmen an Account of the Expences on opening and repairing a Drain or Common Shore near her House, which has been examined and found right cast, and according to custom; And it having been made appear that she had notified the Concerned according to Law; and no objection was entred to her proceeding in said work; The Selectmen Assessed the several Persons interested, or receiving benefit by said Common Shore, their proportionable part of the whole Charge, and impowered Mr. John Procter to Collect the Same for his Mother the said Mrs. Kennedy.

Mr. Thomas Milliken attended and informed the Selectmen that he had agreeable to their directions, Notified the Proprietors, of the Drain in Fish Street, that he had apply'd to them for liberty to open and repair the same; and also gave in a List of the Names of those Persons he had thus Notified as on file — At the same Time appeared several Persons whose Names were in said List. vizt. Mrs. Mills, Mr. Adams, Capt. Wingfield for Mrs. Fessenden, and Mr. Capron who objected to their being made liable to defrey any part of the Charge that may arise by means of said Repair, but not against the design itself whereupon it was determined that their Objections should be taken into consideration, before the Select men proceeded to make any Assessment.

[86.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 20, 1763. —— Present

Thomas Cushing Esq
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

This Day endorsed His Excellency Francis Bernard Esqr's Warrant on Mr. Treasurer Gray in favor of the Selectmen of the Town of Boston for the Sum of Two hundred eighty-eight pounds nineteen Shillings and 8d. ½ being for the support of sundry indigent Persons in the Alms house on the Province Charge; which Warrant was delivered Mr. Treasurer Jeffries, who is to receive and account for the same.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 28, 1763.

Mr. Samuel Treat having made application to the Selectmen for their Opinion whether a solid Foundation can be obtained for a Brick Building he is about to Erect on his new Wharff without

great and extraordinary Expence, and said Land having been view'd by the Selectmen.

Voted, that it is their Opinion that no solid Foundation can be had for such a Building without great Expence.

Capt. Jonathan Clark appear'd and Complained, [87.] That the Chimnies of a House in Long Lane next to his own Dwelling have not been swept for a long while, by which neglect the whole Neighbourhood was endangered, and therefore desires that the Selectmen would inspect them according to a By-Law in that Case made and provided.

Voted, that Samuel Hews & Ezekiel Lewis Esq. be a Committee to inspect the said Chimnies as soon as may be.

Collo. Thwing is desired to order that the Brick Bats etc. that lye among that part of the Ruins occasioned by the late Fire which is near his House, to be taken from thence to fill up the Hole in the Pavement against Mr. Hallowells Ship Yard.

Voted, that the Town Clerk be and hereby is directed to Post up the Selectmens Minutes to this Day, and this without delay.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and seven Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt.

		l.	oz.	dr.
	White Loaf		7 -	11
	Wheaten		11 -	11
	Houshold		15 -	10
	Two Peny White Loaf		15 -	10
[88.]	Of Peny Wheaten	1 -	7 -	10
	Houshold	1 -	15 -	5
	Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	6 -	14
	Houshold	5 -	13 -	15
	Twelve Peny Wheaten	8 -	3 -	12
	Houshold	11 -	11 -	14
	Four Peny Brick Loaf	1 -	12 -	5
NB. 7 Biskets must weigh		1 -	15 -	5
a 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh			2 -	15 -

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octor. 5, 1763.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Two of the Selectmen of the Town of Concord attended and acquainted the Selectmen, that one David Tweed and Eleanor his Wife, were at said Town and in poor destitute Circumstances, and that they assure them, they were [89.] Inhabitants of Boston about the Year 1729. Whereupon,

Voted, that Samuel Sewall & Ezekiel Lewis Esq^{rs}. be and hereby are appointed a Committee to examine into the Circumstances of the above Matter, and Report the same.

Messrs. White and Atkins having represented, that the Street near M^{r}. Checkleys Church called Short Street is much out of Repair, notwithstanding they have been at very considerable Expence themselves to make the same passable; and that about Fifty load of Gravel is now wanted to compleat the Repairs thereof.

Voted, that have liberty to procure at the Charge of the Town fifty load of good Gravel, provided it can be done at 2/ p. load, and that they will see the same laid on such parts of the Street as may most require it.

Whereas it is necessary that a Quantity of Gravel be laid on the new Street by M^{r}. Daltons House in Order to render the same passable especially for Carriages. ——

Voted, that Capt. Hews be desired to procure what may be wanted for that purpose, and to direct and overlook in the laying on and spreading of the same.

The Selectmen having considered on the Request of M^{r}. Milliken for opening the Common Shore in Fish [90.] Street in order to repair the same, Voted, that the following Permit be given said Milliken.

M^{r}. Thomas Millikin one of the Proprietors in the Drain or Common Shore in Fish Street opposite to the Red Lyon, having applyed to us for liberty to open the same in order to cleanse and Repair said Drain; and whereon he has notified and warned all the Concerned therein of his application and design, who have made no objection to us, as to his proceeding in the work — We do therefore in pursuance of the power given us by a Law of this Province, here by permit said Millikin to open said Common Shore and clean and repair the same, provided nevertheless that he makes good the Ground and Repaves the same in a proper manner and to our liking

SAMUEL HEWS
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
EZEKIEL LEWIS
Selectmen of Boston

M^{r}. Stephen Greenleaff Master of the Fire Engine N°. 9. which is kept at the South part of the Town, having upon Account of his advanced Age resigned said trust, and the Company belonging to the said Engine having unanimously recommended Mr Samuel Franklyn [91.] As his Successor — Voted, that M^{r}. Samuel Franklyne be and hereby is Appointed Master of the Fire Engine N°. 9. in the room of M^{r}. Greenleaff who has resign'd, and the Town Clerk is directed to draw out, and furnish him with his Orders as Master of said Engine, which are to be worded in the usual form.

M^{r}. Samuel Franklyne appearing informs that M^{r}. Ambrose Searl one of the Company belonging to the Fire Engine under his care, has lately left the Town, And proposes M^{r}. John Boulstone

Junr. as a suitable Person to be admitted in his Room — If the Selectmen shall think fit — Which Motion was approved and M^{r}. Roulstone accordingly admitted. And the Town Clerk is Ordered to Certify the same on the List or Orders belonging to said Company — the said Roulston having had a dismission from the Captain of the Militia to whose Comp^{y} he belonged for the service aforesaid.

Capt. James Bernard lately Master of Fire Engine N°. 3. having applyed, some time past in behalf of his Company, for the premium of 13/4^{d}. allowed by the Town for their playing first with their Engine at the Fire which lately broke out at the North End.

Voted, that they have a Draft for said Premium [92.] In the September draft not yet given in

At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 7, 1763.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

A Dispute having arisen between M^{rs}. Rebecca Amory and Capt. Thomas Marshall relating to the Line or Bounds of their Land in Mackrel Lane formerly so called — Messrs. William Fairfield, Sampson Salter and John Leach of Boston were Appointed to settle and adjust the Line between them, and a Warrant was issued of the following form

Boston October 7. 1763

To Messrs. William Fairfield, Sampson Salter and John Leach all of Boston — Greeting

Whereas a difference has arose between Rebecca Amory and Thomas Marshall all relating to the Line or Bounds of their Lands in Mackrel Lane formerly so called, Boston.

Pursuant therefore to a Law of this Province We do desire and impower you the said William Fairfield, Sampson Salter, and John Leach to go upon the Premisses [93.] View the same, hear the Partys contending, and adjust Settle and lay out the Line, between them, as to you shall appear equitable.

Thomas Cushing
Samuel Hews
John Scollay
Benjamin Austin
Samuel Sewall
Ezekiel Lewis
Selectmen of Boston

At a Meeting of the Select men October 12, 1763.

Present

Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Five Shillings and Nine Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers, for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf		7 -	8
Wheaten	11 -	4 -	
Houshold		15 -	
Two Peny White Loaf		15 -	
Wheaten	1 -	6 -	8
Houshold	1 -	14 -	
[94.] Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	4 -	8
Houshold	5 -	11 -	8
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	9 -	
Houshold	11 -	6 -	
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1 -	11 -	
NB. 7 Biskets must weigh	1 -	14	
A 4^{d}. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2 -	13 -	

At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 19, 1763.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Jonathan Payson Esq. one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1761. having produced Receipts from the Province County and Town Treasurer, in full for the Tax committed to him to Collect for that Year.

Voted, that a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer in his favor for £126,, 14,, 7½ being his Quarter part of the Premium allowed the four Collectors for Collecting the whole Tax in said Year.

[95.] Voted, that the Town Clerk publish in the several News Papers the following Advertisement — vizt.

The following Advertisement is published by Order of the Selectmen of Boston.

Great Damage having been done by the taking of Stone and Shingle Ballast from Deer Island Beech, all Persons are hereby Warned, that any who shall presume to do so hereafter, may depend upon being prosecuted for such a trespass to the extent of the Law.

M^{r}. Sever who has lately bought a House near the Fortification, which was Occupied by a Retailer till then, Petitioned the Select men for their approbation of him as a Retailer of Spiritous Liquors in his said House for the remainder of the Year — And the Selectmen having considered his Petition — Voted, that he be approbated accordingly.

Mr. John Fullerton having apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to dig up the Pavement & break Ground in order to cleanse and repair a private Drain of his in Milk Street — Liberty was accordingly granted upon Condition that he forthwith made good the Ground and restored the Pavement to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

[96.] Ordered, that the following Letter be sent to the Select men of Gloucester —

Boston October 19. 1763.

Gentlemen

We wrote you last August Inclosing Mr. Hartleys Account of the Charge for Boarding Nursing &c. one James Davis of your Town while sick with the Small Pox, and some time after we were inform'd by one of your Body that payment would soon be made, Mr. Hartley's Necessities oblige us once more to intreat of you that it may be immediately done — We are

Your Most Hum. Servts.

THOMAS CUSHING
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
EZEKIEL LEWIS
Selectmen of Boston.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 24, 1763.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

A Dispute having arisen between Deacon Daniel Jones and Mr. John Sweetser Junr. relating to the Line [97.] Or Bounds of their Land in Newbury Street —Messrs. John Kneeland, Samuel Adams and John Leach are Appointed to settle and Adjust the Line, between them, and a Warrant was issued of the following form.

To Messrs. John Kneeland, Samuel Adams & John Leach all of Boston — Greeting.

Whereas a difference has arose between Deacon Daniel Jones, and Mr. John Sweetser relating to the Line or Bounds of their Land in Newbury Street Boston —

Pursuant therefore to a Law of this Province, we do desire and impower you the said John Kneeland Samuel Adams and John Leach to go upon the Premisses view the same, hear the Partys contending, and Adjust Settle and lay out the Line between them as to you shall appear equitable

Dated at Boston the 24t. Day of October A.D. 1763.

THOMAS CUSHING
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
EZEKIEL LEWIS
Selectmen of Boston.

[98.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Boston
Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

The following Letter was sent to the Selectmen of the Town of Concord.

Boston October 26t. 1763

Gentlemen

It was conceded to by two Gentln. of your Body who were with us about one David Tweed and Family, that said Tweed had lived in Concord more than One Year after he left this Town.

When you prove to us that he was warned out of your Town and Caution properly entred, we shall then be ready to receive him from you, but cannot consistent with our duty agree to take him till you have furnished Us with this proof.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk.

To the Gentlemen the Selectmen of Concord.

[99.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octor. 31. 1763.
Present
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Passed upon Thomas Hartleys Province Accounts amounting to the Sum of £6- 13- 4- as p. Account of particulars on file.

Voted, that Mr. Timothy Thornton have a Draft, on the Treasury for £30- being on account of paving work done for the Town.

Voted, that Mr. Thomas Bayley have a Draft on the Treasury for £15. 12/. which is in full for work done for the Town as p his Account of particulars on August file.

Capt. John Cox attended, and acquainted the Selectmen, that he this Day arrived here from Quebeck in the Sloop Ranger himself Master, and has brought a Number of Passengers, as by a List here under — as also that said Passengers were in his Opinion in good Circumstances, no one of them having brought less than £200 Sterling.

[100.] List of Passengers — Vizt
Allen McKey - - - a Clerk
Alexander Munroe a Farmer, his Wife and one Child
Donald Cameron a Farmer, his Wife and two Children.
Robert Harris — a Gardner
Donald McPhersons a Labourer
Mr. Troter — a Carpenter
Mr. Potterfield, a Sergeant his Wife & 1 Child

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and Nine Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

		l.	oz.	dr.
	Of Peny White Loaf		7 -	8
	Wheaten		11 -	4
	Houshold		15 -	
	Two Peny White Loaf		15 -	
	Wheaten	1 -	6 -	8
	Houshold	1 -	14 -	
	Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	4 -	8
	Houshold	5 -	11 -	8
[101.]	Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	9 -	
	Houshold	11 -	6 -	
	Four Peny Brick Loaf	1 -	11 -	
NB. — 7 Biskets must weigh		1 -	14 -	
A 4^{d}. Loaf of Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh		2 -	13 -	

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^{r}. 9, 1763.

Present

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Messrs. John Kneeland, Samuel Adams and John Leach appointed the 24^{t}. Ultimo to Settle and lay out the Line between the Lands of Deacon Jones and John Sweetser this Day made return to the Selectmen on their Warrant as may appear on file.

M^{r}. M^{c}.Clure Constable of the Dock Watch having resignd that Trust, and M^{r}. Valentine Sullivan being recommended to the Selectmen as a Person of sober Morals, & prudent behavior, and capable of properly discharging the Duty of that Station.

[102.] Voted, that the said Valentine Sullivan be and he hereby is appointed, Constable of the Dock Watch in the room of the said M^{c}.Clure who has resignd, and the Town Clerk is directed to give him his Orders accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^{r}. 13, 1763.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

M^{r}. Thomas Hartley came up from the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, and informed the Selectmen, that Capt. Bruce was Just arrived there from London — he also brought a Letter from said Bruce advising that on his passage three of his People were taken down with the Small Pox, and that two of them were dead, but

the other so far recovered as to walk the Ships Deck — that all the rest of his Men had had the Distemper, as well as what Passengers he has brought in & he pray'd that the necessary Orders might be immediately given respecting the Ships Cargo and Passengers.

The Selectmen having taken into consideration the Circumstances of the said Ships, Passengers &c. come to the [103.] Following Resolutions.

That Mr. Hartley order all the Passengers to the Island, with their Chests of Cloths Bedding &.

That Mr. Hartley see to it that the Passengers are sufficiently smoked and aired, when they are permitted to come up to Town.

That the Goods between Decks, be taken out of the Vessell as soon as the Weather will permit, and landed & air'd upon the Island.

That all the Letters be well smoked and sent up to Town — And that Capt. Bruce attend the Selectmen as soon as he can do it with safety to the Inhabitants.

A Letter was wrote Mr. Hartley this Day agreeable to the above determinations, and he was directed to give the Selectmen information of the Circumstances of the Ship and Cargo, from time to time.

Mr. Thomas Bettersby informed the Selectmen that he had taken into his House as a Lodger a Stranger, but has forgot his Name.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 16. 1763. P.M.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
[104.] Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mr. Joseph Jackson who was licensed as a Retailer the present Year as he has been for many past, having removed from his House in Orange Street, to another that Adjoins thereto, which he has purchased — Prayed the Selectmen to Approbate him for the House he now lives in. And his request being considered and approved of, he was recommended to the Court of Sessions accordingly.

Mr. Samuel Procter Keeper of the Almshouse, was directed by two of the Selectmen, vizt. John Scollay and Ezekiel Lewis Esq. to receive into that Hospital on the Province Charge one David McLean who by a Certificate from Dr. Doubt is so disabled, that he cannot procure his own Subsistence and has nothing wherewith to support himself.

Mr. Thomas Hartley appeared and Reported that the Ship John and Suckey James Bruce Master from London stopt at Rainsford Island on account of the Small Pox is now sufficiently Smoked and Cleansed, and that as everything in the Cabbin and between Decks were immediately taken out on her arrival, and landed at the Island; it is his Opinion that the said Vessell may be permitted to come to Town with safety to the Inhabitants.

A Certificate of the above Vessells being in Circumstances [**105.**] To come up to Town was given him and is as follows
May it please your Excellency

The Ship John and Suckey James Bruce Master from London stopt at Rainsfords Island as having the Small Pox on board, has been sufficiently Smoked and Cleansed; and we are of Opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the Health of the Inhabitants, if your Excellency think fit. We are

Your Excellencys Most Obed^t. Humble Servants

Samuel Hews
John Scollay
Benjamin Austin
Samuel Sewall
Selectmen of Boston

Boston Novem^r. 21. 1763.

His Excell^y Francis Bernard Esq.

M^r. Cornelius Sweeny appear'd and acquainted the Selectmen, that he had taken into his House as Lodgers two Highland Familys who came from Hallifax.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^r. 24^t. 1763.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

[**106.**] M^r. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, Reported to the Selectmen that all the Goods landed by Capt. Bruce at said Island Hemp only excepted had been sufficiently aird, and might be permitted to come up to Town with safety as soon as the Selectmen should think fit.

Whereupon Voted, that Capt. Bruce has liberty to take off all the Goods landed from his Vessell excepting the Hemp; and that a Letter be wrote M^r. Hartley accordingly.

M^r. Thomas Hartley having this Day signified to the Selectmen that the Hemp taken out of Capt. Bruces Ship was sufficiently air'd — Directions were given him to deliver said Hemp to the Captain when called for.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^r. 28, 1763.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and six Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers, for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^t.

	l.	oz.	dr.
[107.] Of Peny White Loaf		7 -	14
Wheaten		11 -	13
Houshold		15 -	12
Two Peny White Loaf		15 -	12
Wheaten	1 -	7 -	10
Houshold	1 -	15 -	8
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	6 -	14
Houshold	6 -	10 -	5
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	13 -	12
Houshold	13 -	4 -	10
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1 -	12 -	8
NB. 7 Biskets must weigh	1 -	15 -	8
a 4d Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal Must weigh	2 -	15	4

Voted, that those persons whose Accounts have been this Day passed by the Selectmen have Drafts on the Town Treasurer for the Sum respectively due to them.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^r. 30, 1763.

Present

Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

[108.] John Ruddock Esq. one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1763, attended, and accepted to serve in the said Office, and proposed Messrs. Nathaniel Greenwood & Caleb Parker for his Bondsmen, who were accepted by the Selectmen — And the Town Clerk is directed to prepare Bonds accordingly.

Jonathan Payson Esq. one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1763, attended, and accepted to serve in the said Office, and proposed Jonathan Cary Esq. and M^r. Alexander Edwards for his Bondsmen, who were approved of by the Selectmen. And the Town Clerk is directed to prepare Bonds accordingly.

M^r. John Grant one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1763 attended, and accepted to serve in the said Office, and proposed Capt. Fortesque Vernon, and Samuel Grant Esq. for his Bondsmen, who were approved of by the Selectmen —And the Town Clerk is directed to prepare Bonds accordingly.

M^r. Samuel Adams one of the Collecters of Taxes for the Year 1763. attended, and accepted to serve in the said Office, and proposed Benjamin Hallowell Esq. and M^r. Robert Pierpoint for his Bondsmen who were approved of by the Selectmen — And the Town Clerk is directed to prepare Bonds accordingly.

[109.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 7, 1763.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esqr.
Samuel Hews Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.

Mr. Hawkins appeared and acquainted the Selectmen that he had received into his House as Lodgers one George Millikins and two Boys, who say they came from Hallifax where they had been imploy'd in his Majestys service, but had forgot the Master and Vessells Names which brought them

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr 21, 1763.

Present

John Scollay Esqr.
Benjamin Austin Esqr.
Samuel Sewall Esqr.
Ezekiel Lewis Esqr.

Capt. Joseph Doble Master of the Briggandine Nancy from Ferryland in Newfoundland, attended the Selectmen at their Chamber, and Reports — That he left that place the 1st. of December last, and three Days after, had one of his Men taken sick as he supposed with the Small Pox, but is not certain, as the Eruption did not fill, he died in about three or four Days from his being taken; when all that he had about [110.] Him liable to infection was immediately thrown overboard — that there are three or four of his Men who have not had the Distemper — but he apprehends said Vessell may be permitted to come up to Town from Rainsfords Island, where she has been stopt by way of precaution without any danger to the Inhabitants if the Selectmen thought proper — whereupon -

Voted, that Capt. Doble have liberty to bring his Briggandine up to Boston, provided those Persons on board who have not had the Small Pox, be first tended & sent to the Hospital.

The following directions were given Mr. Thomas Hartley Keeper of the Hospital.

Sir —

The Briggandine Nancy Joseph Doble Master from Newfoundland, having been stopt at Rainsfords Island on suspicion of having the Small Pox on board, and having as you have Reported to us been smoked & Cleansed so that she may be permitted to come to Town without danger to the Inhabitant; You may there fore permit her to come up to Town first taking on Shore all those Persons; that have not had the Small Pox who you are to keep at the Hospital till our further Orders.

[111.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 21, 1763. P.M.

Present

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

May it please your Excellency

The Briggne. Nancy Joseph Doble Master from Newfoundland, stopt at Rainsfords Island on suspicion of having the Small Pox, having been examined by us we are of Opinion she may be per-

mitted to come up to Town without endangering the Health of the Inhabitants if your Excellency thinks fit — We are

Your Excell^{y} Most Obed^{t} Hum. Servt.

JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
EZEKIEL LEWIS
NATHANIEL THWING
Selectmen of Boston.

Boston Decem^{r}. 21. 1763

His Excellency Francis Bernard Esq.

The Selectmen having received a Warrant from the Honble. Judge of Probate, for the County of Suffolk to examine into the Circumstances of Elizabeth Gillman represented by her Friends to be a Person Non Compos — made [112.] the following return on said Warrant.

Boston Decem^{r}. 21. 1763

Pursuant to the direction on the other side we have discoursed M^{rs}. Elizabeth Gillman and find her so far wanting of Reason as to be uncapable of managing her own affairs

JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
EZEKIEL LEWIS
NATHANIEL THWING
Selectmen of Boston.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decem^{r}. 23^{d}, 1763.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
Ezekiel Lewis Esq

D^{r}. Phillip God: Cast having given information that a Son of M^{r}. Bulkleys who lives near the Sign of the Schooner was taken with the Small Pox — A meeting of the Selectmen was immediately warned, and D^{r}. Cast desired to attend, which he did and declared, that the said Joseph Bulkley who is Capt. Dobles Mate came up in the Vessell Yesterday, and sent for him in the Evening when he found him ill, and having visited him again [113.] This Morning, he discovered that he had the Small Pox — The D^{r}. at the same Time gave it as his Opinion that he could not be removed but at the risque of his Life, his Symptoms being extremely bad and threatning.

In consequence of the above information M^{r}. Williston was immediately sent to the House to order and see the Shop Shut up, and that no Person whatsoever should be permitted to go in or come out of said House till the further Orders of the Select men — A Flag was also ordered to be put out as a signal of Infection, and Carpenters were imploy'd to erect Fences and place Bars,

in the Passage Ways to prevent passing and repassing that House.

Upon Information given that a Servant of Mr. John White who came in Capt. Doble's Vessell had not had the Small Pox, he was immediately sent down to Rainsfords Island.

Mr. Thomas Hartley Keeper of the Hospital attending by Order of the Selectmen, was questioned how he came contrary to the directions given him to permit the said Bulkley to come up to Town, and answered that he did not know that he was yet to have the Distemper, but being afterwards told that it was uncertain whether he had had it. he obtained said Buckleys promise to go down to the Island [**114.**] This Morning, but upon calling on him at the House he absolutely refused to go down with him.

The following Orders were given Mr. Ichabod Williston

Boston, Decemr. 23d. 1763

The Small Pox being at Mr. Bulkleys House near the Sign of the Schooner, it is our Orders that you keep a Watch at the said House where we have directed a Flag to be put out — You are not to suffer any Persons to go in or out of the House, except the Doctor; any Necessaries that may be wanted for the Family you are to get to them as well as you can — you must not leave said Watch untill 11 O'Clock at Night nor fail attending again by Day break — We expect you behave with great care & faithfulness as the safety of the Inhabitants will much depend upon it, and upon your so doing we shall make you a proper allowance for your Time and service

By Order of the Select men

William Cooper Town Clerk.

Capt. Doble attended by Order of the Selectmen, and was directed to get his Vessell off into the Road as soon as she floats if he would avoid the Penalty of the Law for refusal, which Law was read to him ——

Capt. Doble deliver'd in a List of his Passengers as on file.

[**115.**] The Account of the Expences on opening and repairing Mr. Millikims Drain was laid before the Selectmen, and by them examined and allowed; Mr. Millikin at the same Time informed that he had warned every Person concerned according to Law, and no objection having been entred to his proceeding Assessment was made and an order for payment delivered Mr. John Means which is as follows — Vizt.

Boston ss.

Whereas the Drain or Common Shore opposite the Red Lyon in Fish Street in Boston aforesaid has been lately Repaired by Mr. Thomas Millikin, the whole Expence whereof according to an Account examined by us the Subscribers amounts to Twenty three Pounds twelve Shillings and Six Pence: and as said Expence is to be paid by such Person or Persons whose whose (*sic*) Drains enter said Common Shore or receive benefit thereby, and in such proportions as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of the Town or a Major part of them who are impowered by Law to Apportion the same; And the said Milliken having agreable to a late Law

Notified all the Concerned before he proceeded upon the Business and no Objection having been made thereto ——

Therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston do hereby Certify that having [**116.**] Considered of said Expence, and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid; Do Adjudge that the same be paid in the proportion following, and by the Persons hereafter named — Viz^{t}.

M^{r}. Jonathan Mountfort	1 Drain	£.	1	2	6
M^{rs}. Rachel Fessenden	1 Ditto		1	2	6
M^{r}. William Ellis	1 Ditto		1	2	6
M^{r}. Thomas Chaplin	1 Ditto		1	2	6
M^{r}. Thomas Millikin	1 Ditto		1	2	6
M^{r}. Daniel Sigorney	1 Ditto		1	2	6
M^{r}. John Doble	1 Ditto		1	2	6
M^{r}. John Leach	1 Ditto		1	2	6
Nathaniel Wheelwright Esq. & Lewis Jennings	1 Ditto		1	2	6
M^{r}. Stephen Nazaro	1 Ditto		1	2	6
M^{r}. John Dennie	1 Ditto		1	2	6
M^{rs}. Hannah Shellcock	1 Ditto		1	2	6
M^{rs}. Mary Carnes	1 Ditto		1	2	6
M^{r}. Abraham Jones	1 Ditto		1	2	6
M^{r}. Theophilus Lillie & Mrs Ruck	1 Ditto		1	2	6
M^{r}. Samuel Wentworth	1 Ditto		1	2	6
M^{r}. John Hogain	1 Ditto		1	2	6
M^{r}. Thomas Lee	2 Ditto		2	5	-
M^{rs}. Ann Thomas	1 Ditto		1	2	6
Joseph Gardner Esq.	1 Ditto		1	2	6

[**117.**] And we do here by Appoint M^{r}. John Means to receive of the aforesaid Persons the Sum affixed to their respective Names, and give discharge thereof.

JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
EZEKIEL LEWIS
Selectmen of Boston

Boston Decem^{r}. 23^{d}. 1763

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 26, 1763.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

M^{r}. Samuel Procter was directed by two of the Selectmen vizt. John Scollay and Benjamin Austin Esq. to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Account one John Cahill a Stranger who has got the Venerial Disease to a great degree, and hath not where withall to support himself. As also to the said Cahills Obligation to refund all Charge when he shall be able.

Passed upon Messrs. Box and Austin's Province Acco^{ts}. amounting to £18 - 16 - 9¼ as p. Account of Particulars on file, and gave him a Certificate accordingly.

[118.] M^{r}. Soloman Kneeland having apply'd to the Select men for a Draft on the Treasury for £6 - 17 - 4 being the Sum Voted him by the Town at their last General Meeting Septem^{r}. 21^{s}. as a Consideration for the Land taken from him to enlarge Water Street.

Voted, that the Town Clerk give him a Draft for said Sum next Draft Day.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r} 28, 1763.

Present
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Capt. Doble waited upon the Selectmen and informs them, that he had strictly pursued their Orders as to smoking and cleansing of his Vessell and every thing on board and prayed leave to bring his Vessell up to the Wharff — which liberty was granted him accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 29, 1763. —

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
[119.] Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Ordered that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and Six Pence p. Bushel for Wheat and Four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

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Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	8	13	12
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Four Peny Brick Loaf	1	12	8
NB. 7 Biskets must weigh	1	15	8
A 4^{d} Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2	15	4

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 2^{d}, 1764.

Present
Samuel Hews Esq.

[120.] John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

The Wife of Hugh Cammeron attended and having requested of the Selectmen that Mr. Tileston Master of the North Writing might be desired to receive her Son into his School for Instruction in writing and reading ——

her request was granted, and Mr. Tileston directed accordingly.

[The present printed volume is terminated at this point, for convenience, with the record of the last meeting in the year 1763. — W. H. W.]

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